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Kaiser shows how it's done

Greg McLeod of Box Hill was given something formidable to aim for at Olympic Park last Sunday.

Greg, the Victorian Junior Player of the Year, received the Weinstein Medal from none other than the great Franz Beckenbauer before the Cosmos v Victoria match.

Beckenbauer went on to display all his magic during the game, showing Greg and all other young players how the game of soccer should be played.

It has often been said that Australian youngsters lack stars on whom they can model themselves.

Greg McLeod is lucky that he was able to rub shoulders with Beckenbauer. If he aims at doing only a few of the things "Kaiser" Franz did with such ease on Sunday, Greg McLeod should go a long way. — LAURIE SCHWAB

Poaching charge denied

APIA coach Ray Richards has denied strongly claims by Essendon Croatia that he tried to "poach" Tommy Cumming.

Croatia manager Frank Burin said last week he would lay charges against Richards and APIA, claiming that Richards sent Cumming a telegram dealing with a possible transfer to APIA.

Richards angrily denied Burin's claims.

He said Burin told him on the phone that Cumming was not for sale and that he therefore took no further action.



Franz Beckenbauer congratulates Greg McLeod of Box Hill on winning the Weinstein Medal as the Victorian Junior Player of the Year.

Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.

Neeskens' No 1—No 2 to come



A tightly-strapped, heavily swollen right ankle did not prevent the great Johan Neeskens from scoring two goals in the Cosmos' 3-2 victory over Victoria last Sunday. Here he is in close-up, notching No 1. Picture by RAY KENNEDY. See Pages 4-6 for more about Cosmos.

Three in row for Slickers?

Sydney City is set to notch up its third successive honor in the three-year-old Philips League.

The City Slickers, formerly Hakoah, won the league championship in 1977 and the top four competition in 1978.

They are poised to win the top four title again in their home-and-away final against Brisbane City over the next two weekends.

The first leg is at Sydney's Wentworth Park at 3 pm on Sunday and the

second at Perry Park the following Sunday.

Victory would make the Slickers the only team to have won three successive honors.

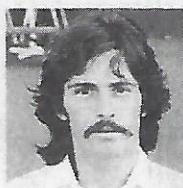
Brisbane City would earn a similar distinction should it win the final, for the Queenslanders won the Philips Cup in the first two years of the league.

However, judging by their abysmal form in losing 2-6 to Heidelberg United last Friday, they have little hope of downing the Slickers who are flying high after successive victories over Heidelberg and Marconi.

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Murray Barnes

Centre back Eddie Thomson has added granite-like stability to the

team since his return after injury and Murray Barnes' switch to attack proved successful when he scored the goal that gave City a 1-0 victory over Marconi last Sunday.

Coach Gerry Chaldi has a large squad from which to choose, as Mark Trener returns after suspension, and Ian Souness and Ernie Campbell are both vying for one midfield position.

Previous results of clashes between the two clubs: 1977 — SC 3-1, 0-0; 1978 — SC 2-3, 0-0; 1979 — SC 1-0, BC 1-0, BC 2-0 (top four). — LAURIE SCHWAB

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ASF like bull in china shop — Collins

The Australian Soccer Federation had acted like a "bull in a china shop" in recent decisions about imported players and tours by overseas teams, a leading soccer official claimed this week.

Mr. Peter Collins, a Victorian parliamentarian and a member of the Victorian Soccer Federation board of management, also suggested that national coach Rudi Gutendorf should take a 50 per cent pay cut.

Mr. Collins is a candidate for the VSF presidency to be vacated by Mr. Theo Marmaras.

He warned in a prepared press release that Australia ran the risk of becoming the "laughing stock of the world" during the staging of the world youth championships here in 1982.

The ASF's "ham-fisted approach" in severely restricting the importation of players, would achieve none of its objectives, Mr. Collins claimed.

He said if the ASF was serious about promoting young Australian players into senior soccer, it should generate money for additional top-class coaches, first-rate playing and training facilities and the chance to learn from skilled players every weekend.

"To find the money, I suggest our globe-trotting national coach take a 50 per cent pay cut immediately, and the saving to spent where it will do the most good, on coaching the best young players in every state," Mr. Collins said.

"As one senior Victorian soccer official said to me recently: Sir Arthur George has never run a club, otherwise he would show more appreciation of the enormous problems faced by State and Metropolitan League clubs in trying to build support and provide entertainment soccer."

"Dominic Flora, vice president of the New York Cosmos said to me on Sunday: 'soccer means entertainment. To develop spectator support, you must give the best money can buy - every weekend.'

"At Cosmos they are phasing in a number of locally produced players over a set period of years a rational approach to devel-



Peter Collins MLA

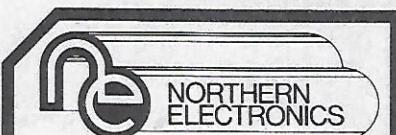
stand, will cost Victoria up to \$70,000 revenue in 1980.

"This simply means that all the hard and skilful work put in by VSF in building up a successful State team and arranging tours by teams of the calibre of Cosmos and hopefully Liverpool and Milan in 1980, would be destroyed."

"In my opinion, these decisions place in doubt the staging of the 1981 World Under 19 Youth Championships in Australia."

"The sponsors, Coca Cola, are entitled to a big effort from all in developing spectator support over the next two years."

"The ASF will be the laughing stock of the world if we do not produce big support for these world championship games in 1981, and unless State federations are given the opportunity to stage successful tours, the money will not be there to do the job that has to be done."



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World Cup: easy for England, no niche for Israel

FIFA is trying to have Israel added to the World Cup qualifying group at present comprising Canada, Mexico and the United States.

This follows Israel's removal from the Asian zone for political reasons.

The American nations are expected to resist having the powerful Israeli team foisted onto them, and so FIFA sources expect Israel to be added to the European group that comprises Scotland, Sweden, Portugal and Northern Ireland.

The European qualifying draw gives England an easy road into the finals. England last qualified in 1966 and reached the quarter-finals of the 1970 tournament in Mexico.

It was knocked out in the qualifying series by Poland in 1973 and by Italy in 1977.

The first two teams from each European group, except group Seven, will advance to the

24-team finals in Spain in 1982. Only one team will advance from group seven.

The likely finalists from Europe are: West Germany, Austria, Holland, France, Czechoslovakia, Soviet Union, England, Hungary, Italy, Yugoslavia, Scotland, Sweden, Poland and Spain.

Australia hopes to be one of the two qualifiers from Asia-Oceania. The other leading candidates are South Korea, North Korea and Iraq.

Brazil will certainly qualify as one of the four South American teams. Argentina qualifies as Cup holder, Uruguay should get there and Paraguay could be the fourth.

Central and Northern America's representatives are likely to be Mexico and perhaps the U.S.A.

Algeria, Egypt and Nigeria and Tunisia are the leading contenders for the two African places.

World Cup qualifying groups:

EUROPE

GROUP ONE: West Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Finland, Albania.

GROUP TWO: Holland, France, Belgium, Ireland, Cyprus.

GROUP THREE: Czechoslovakia, Soviet Union, Wales, Turkey, Iceland.

GROUP FOUR: England, Hungary, Switzerland, Romania, Norway.

GROUP FIVE: Italy, Yugoslavia, Greece, Denmark, Luxembourg.

GROUP SIX: Scotland, Sweden, Portugal, Northern Ireland.

GROUP SEVEN: Poland, East Germany, Malta.

ASIA-OCEANIA

GROUP ONE: Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, China-Taipei, Indonesia.

GROUP TWO: Kuwait, Iran, Thailand, Malaysia, South Korea.

GROUP THREE: Iraq, Syria, Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia.

GROUP FOUR: Hong Kong, Macao, China, North Korea, Japan, Singapore.

AFRICA

ROUND ONE: Senegal v. Morocco, Zaire v. Mozambique, Cameroon v. Malawi, Guinea v. Lesotho, Tunisia v. Nigeria, Libya v. Gambia, Ethiopia v. Zambia, Niger v. Somalia, Sierra Leone v. Algeria, Ghana v. Egypt, Kenya v. Tanzania, Uganda v. Madagascar.

ROUND TWO: Central African Republic, Sudan, Liberia, Togo qualify automatically.

SOUTH AMERICA

GROUP ONE: Uruguay, Peru, Colombia.

GROUP TWO: Brazil, Bolivia, Venezuela.

GROUP THREE: Paraguay, Chile, Ecuador.

CONCACAF: Yet to be decided.

Automatic qualifiers: Argentina as Cup holder and Spain as host.

KIWI TOUR RESULTS OMEN FOR AUSSIES



Referee Chau Tam Sun signals a free kick to New Zealand's Adrian Elrick (left) during the 1977 World Cup qualifying match against Australia at Sydney Cricket Ground. At left is John Kosmina who scored in Australia's 3-1 victory.

Australia is by no means certain to win its initial World Cup qualifying tournament if New Zealand maintains its current form until 1981.

Having already beaten Australia 1-0 this year, the Kiwis continue to be battle-hardened on their world tour.

Last week they gained valuable international experience against a League or Ireland eleven in Dublin, against the England B team in London and against Ipswich Town.

They won none of those matches, but immediate results don't count. The all-important thing is to be in the best possible shape when World Cup times comes around.

England B, studded with stars, beat New Zealand 4-1.

An own goal by New Zealand's Sam Malcolmson gave England a 1-0 half-time lead, which was increased when Glen Hoddle (Spurs) laid on a

goal for Mike Flanagan (Crystal Palace) 30 seconds after the interval.

Black striker Vince Hilaire (Crystal Palace) made it 3-0 and Hoddle scored the fourth.

New Zealand goalkeeper Richard Wilson saved a penalty.

In Dublin, the Kiwis fell behind after a goal by Ireland's Hilary Carlyle.

They equalised when Brian Turner converted a penalty awarded after Noel Sinnott had fouled ace striker Keith Nelson but Emmon Gregg, the Irish right back, restored the lead in the 77th minute after taking a return pass from Denis Clarke.

The Kiwi's lost to Ipswich 0-1 through an own goal by Tony Sibley.

New Zealand has managed to maintain continuity in its team since the 1977 World Cup qualifying series, in which it was eliminated by Australia.

Old campaigners Tony Sibley, Adrian Elrick, Steve Sumner, Brian Turner, Duncan Ormond, Keith Nelson are still playing well in the national team, whereas Australia is starting virtually from scratch.

New stars in New Zealand are goalkeeper Richard Wilson, defender Malcolmson, midfields Duncan Cole and strikers Woodfin and Verweij. — LAURIE SCHWAB



New Zealand midfielder Brian Turner.



New Zealand's ace striker Keith Nelson.



New Zealand defender Tony Sibley.

Greece tops group, Poland drops out

West Germany and England, both past winners of the World Cup, made almost certain of a place in the European championship finals in Rome next year with big wins in group qualifying matches last week.

England, with two goals each from Nottingham Forest strikers Trevor Francis and Tony Woodcock, thrashed Northern Ireland 5-1 in a Group One tie in Belfast and the West Germans beat Wales by a similar margin in a Group Two tie in Brussels.

The Republic of Ireland kept alive faint hopes of winning Group One with a comfortable 3-0 win over Bulgaria in Dublin, but England would have to lose its last two matches, both at home, and the Republic of Ireland take maximum points from its last two games for England to fail.

West Germany, which had managed only two goals in its three previous European championship matches, scored four in a 20-minute first half burst to floor Wales, which had topped Group Seven before the game.

Poland achieved one of the best results of the day when it beat the Netherlands, World Cup runners-up in 1974 and 1978, to a 1-1 draw in Amsterdam, but Poland still lost its chance of a trip to Rome next June.

Veteran Wilfried van Moer celebrated his comeback to international football after a four-year absence by scoring the Belgians' first goal in their 2-0 win over Portugal in a Group Two tie in Brussels.

The victory preserved the Belgians' unbeaten record and moved them into second place on the table behind Austria, which virtually killed off Scotland's chances of going to Rome by holding the Scots to a 1-1 draw in Glasgow.

The Scots attacked for much of the game but goalkeeper Alan Rough blundered to allow Austria to take the lead through Hans Krankl. It was not until 15 minutes from the end that Scottish skipper Archie Gemmill equalised.

Greece won Group Six without even playing. Hungary beat Finland 3-1 in Debrecen, leaving the Finns with the improbable task of beating the Soviet Union by 12 goals in the final Group Six match to oust the Greeks from top spot.

ASIA WATCH

New Zealand remained unbeaten in only its second full international game of 1979 when it beat Bahrain 2-0 on tour, and so holds top place in our "Asia Watch" standings.

The standings are compiled monthly from international results recorded by nations in the region stretching from the Middle East to the Pacific Islands.

Australia has to play teams from this region in the qualifying series for the 1982 World Cup.

"Asia Watch" covers the period from November, 1978, to November, 1979.

Figures in brackets indicate previous standing.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	rate
1 (1) N. Zealand	2	2	0	3	0	4	100.0
2 (2) North Korea	12	9	3	21	5	19	87.5
3 (3) Iraq	18	14	2	2	41	7	30
4 (4) South Korea	13	10	1	2	27	9	21
5 (5) China	11	8	0	3	24	8	16
6 (6) Kuwait	13	7	2	4	28	14	16
7 (8) Malaysia	11	6	1	4	13	14	13
8 (9) Saudi Arabia	9	3	4	2	17	8	10
9 (7) Israel	6	2	2	2	7	7	6
10 (10) Hong Kong	6	3	0	10	6	6	50.0
11 (-) Fiji	1	0	1	0	0	1	50.0
12 (-) Papua N.Guinea	1	0	1	0	0	1	50.0
13 (11) Thailand	13	6	0	7	20	12	46.1
14 (12) Japan	9	3	0	6	14	21	6
15 (13) Macao	3	1	0	2	4	7	2
16 (14) Burma	3	1	0	2	2	5	2
17 (15) Sri Lanka	4	1	0	3	5	12	2
18 (16) Bahrain	9	1	2	6	22	4	24.4
19 (17) Qatar	11	3	2	6	11	26	8
20 (18) India	5	1	0	4	5	13	2
21 (19) U.A.E.	5	1	0	4	5	15	2
22 (20) Oman	6	0	0	8	1	21	0
23 (21) Indonesia	4	0	4	3	14	0	0.0
24 (22) Singapore	4	0	4	2	15	0	0.0
25 (23) Philippines	3	0	3	1	10	0	0.0
26 (24) Bangladesh	2	0	0	2	0	4	0.0
27 (25) Australia	1	0	1	0	1	0	0.0

Results

NOVEMBER 1978: Surinam v. China 1-3, Israel v. Belgium 1-0, Japan v. USSR 1-0, Japan v. USSR 0-2, Thailand v. Bahrain 1-0, Bahrain v. South Korea 1-5, Burma v. Thailand 2-2, Bangladesh v. Malaysia 0-1, China v. Iraq 0-2, Qatar v. Saudi Arabia 2-2, Burma v. North Korea 0-3, Bahrain v. Japan 0-4, South Korea v. Kuwait 2-0, Bangladesh v. India 0-3, China v. Qatar 0-3, Iraq v. Saudi Arabia 2-0, Malaysia v. Bahrain 0-3, Iraq v. Kuwait 1-0, India v. Kuwait 1-0, India v. North Korea 1-3, Iraq v. Kuwait 3-0, China v. Thailand 4-1, Malaysia v. South Korea 0-1, South Korea v. Thailand 3-1, China v. Malaysia 7-1, North Korea v. Kuwait 2-2, India v. Iran 0-3, South Korea v. North Korea 0-4, China v. Iraq 1-0, Israel v. Iran 0-1, Philippines v. South Korea 0-5, South Korea v. China 1-0, Philippines v. Macao 1-2, South Korea v. Macao 4-1, China v. Philippines 3-0, Macao v. China 1-2.

JANUARY 1979: Israel v. Austria 0-1.

FEBRUARY 1979: Iraq v. Finland 1-0, Iraq v. Finland 2-0, Iraq v. East Germany 1-0, Iraq v. Sweden 1-0, Bahrain v. Finland 0-1, Kuwait v. Greece 4-1, Iraq v. Sweden 1-0, Bahrain v. Finland 0-1, Kuwait v. Greece 0-2, Japan v. South Korea 2-1, Afghanistan v. Qatar 0-3, Qatar v. Brazil 1-6.

MARCH: Iraq v. Bahrain 2-1, Iraq v. Qatar 2-0, Saudi Arabia v. Oman 4-0, Oman v. Iraq 0-1, Kuwait v. UAE 7-0, Bahrain v. Sweden 2-1, Kuwait v. Oman 2-0, Saudi Arabia v. Qatar 7-1, Iraq v. UAE 5-0, Kuwait v. Saudi Arabia 0-0, Iraq v. Oman 7-0, Qatar v. Bahrain 1-1, Iraq v. Saudi Arabia 2-0, Kuwait v. Bahrain 2-0, UAE v. Oman 4-0.

APRIL: Spain v. Israel 1-1 (Olympic), Thailand v. Indonesia 3-1, Malaysia 3-1, Sri Lanka 3-1, North Korea v. Hong Kong 3-1, Hong Kong v. Singapore 3-1, Sri Lanka v. Thailand 0-4, Indonesia v. Malaysia 1-4, Hong Kong v. Sri Lanka 5-0, Thailand v. Singapore 4-0, North Korea v. Indonesia 3-1, Sri Lanka 5-0, Thailand v. Singapore 4-0, North Korea v. Hong Kong 1-0, North Korea v. Sri Lanka 1-0, Malaysia v. Thailand 2-1, North Korea v. Malaysia 1-0, Thailand v. Sri Lanka 1-2, Japan v. Indonesia 4-0.

JUNE: New Zealand v. Australia 1-0, South Korea v. Japan 4-1, Malaysia v. Ireland Rep. 1-0, Singapore v. Ireland Rep. 1-0.

AUGUST: Fiji v. Papua-New Guinea 0-0.

OCTOBER: Bahrain v. New Zealand 0-2, Spain v. Israel (Olympic) 3-0.

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SHOOT OUT!

Dramatic tie-breaker to be used in Adelaide game?

South Australian soccer fans will be treated to a display of the American "shoot-out" should the match between the New York Cosmos and Adelaide City end in a draw.

The game, at Olympic Sports Field, starts at 3.30 pm on Sunday.

It will be preceded by a match involving Press and TV personalities.

The shoot-out was introduced in the United States to replace penalty kicks in the event of a draw.

In a shoot-out, the kicker runs from the half-line with the ball, and shoots from the edge of the penalty area. If the goalkeeper blocks the shot and the ball rolls free, the kicker is not allowed a second shot.

Adelaide City players have been practicing the shoot-out technique in preparation for the big match.

Interest in the game is at fever-pitch level.

Grandstand seats — at \$10 each — were sold out within 48 hours.

A film about the Cosmos is being shown at the club from morning to night. The building is decorated in the colors of Adelaide City and Cosmos and the dressing room the Cosmos will use is also in their colors. We will ask the Cosmos players to put their autographs on the walls for posterity.

All Cosmos players were highlighted in "Soccer Action's" brilliant eight-page supplement last week, but I want to add my own words about three of them — Franz Beckenbauer, Carlos Alberto and Johan Neeskens.

Carlos Alberto is shown in the Cosmos film during a shoot-out. He runs forward, lifting the ball with his foot while on the move. He bounces it up and down three times and then nonchalantly chips it over the goalkeeper's head.

Carlos Alberto, who was a club-mate of Pele's at Santos, was captain of the Brazil team that beat Italy 4-1 in the 1970 World Cup final in Mexico.

It was he who scored the fourth goal with a first-time volley — one of the most brilliant goals seen in a Cup final.

I have probably the most valuable souvenir of that memorable match — the

No. 10 shirt worn by Pele. I acquired it through contacts in Brazil and there is no way it will ever leave my hands.

Johan Neeskens, midfield partner of Johan Cruyff in Holland's 1974 World Cup team and again a star in the 1978 finals, is the only Cosmos man who still rates among the players of true world class.

He is still young enough to play for any team, in any league in the world. Indeed, he has only just ended a contract with Barcelona of Spain. It is Neeskens who is the true super-star of the Cosmos on current ability as opposed to past reputation.

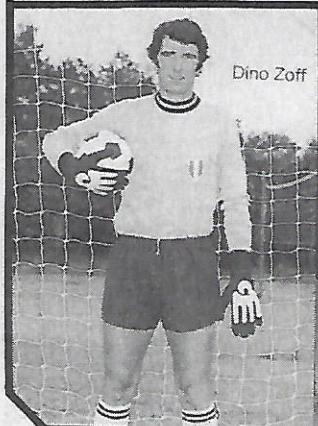
But Franz Beckenbauer is the legendary figure of the American team. He has done it all — captained West Germany to World Cup and European championship triumphs, won European Cups with Bayern Munich and been voted European football of the year.

During Australia's game against West Germany (0-3) in the 1974 World Cup finals, Beckenbauer displayed his super sportsmanship.

Col Curran had stormed into attack but the action ended when the ball went over the goal line. Curran claimed a corner kick but the referee ruled it was a goal kick instead. Beckenbauer agreed with Curran and told the referee so. His argument with the referee caused the crowd to boo, but Beckenbauer's action deserved applause instead.



A young Franz Beckenbauer, playing in his second World Cup, approaches to join team mates in congratulating Uwe Seeler (No. 9) who has just scored against England in the 1970 series in Mexico. The goal levelled the score at 2-2, but Germany went on to win 3-2.



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Rijssbergen throws himself in front of a Scottish forward during the World Cup finals in Argentina last year.

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Neeskens liked Cole, Rooney and Gilder

Some selected quotes about the match:

RUDI GUTENDORF, National coach: "I was extremely happy with the four Socceroos — Rooney, Tansey, Cole and Cumming. They were the pick of the side. Rooney was in world class in the second half and Cumming was also great. The Cosmos were excellent. I had not expected them to be able to do so much, to play so professionally, after 10 hard tour games. Michael Weinstein, the VSF Chairman, must be voted by all soccer lovers as the man of the year. It was he and his committee who took the risk of bringing the Cosmos to Australia and the gamble has paid off."

RALE RASIC, Coach of Adelaide City: "What a player Beckenbauer is. He could still play anywhere in the world. And that No. 31, Nelsi Morais, he was incredible. This was true football entertainment. Skills and artistry like that displayed by Beckenbauer, Carlos Alberto, Bogicevic, Morais, Seninho and the others — that's what the crowds love. This is the type of football we want to see."



Michael Weinstein: 'Man of the year'.

LEN MCKENDRY, Victorian coach: "I gave the players a bollocking at half time. They weren't playing at all in the first half; the midfield wasn't pressuring and as a result, the Cosmos midfielders did as they liked. I asked the players what they wanted: Did they want to go back to playing on the paddocks somewhere? We did that, but it was something out of themselves? This is the big time — this is what you have to be able to contend with. They did a lot

better in the second half but in the end, the difference was the difference between full time professionals and part-time players."

JAMIE PATON, Victorian striker: "The Cosmos sure showed some skills. But their crossfield balls, although they may have looked great, caused no damage. In fact, they helped us, because they gave us time to organise in defence."

JOHAN NEESKENS, Cosmos midfielder and scorer of two goals: "We were all worried at 2-2. We thought all we would get was a draw after having led twice. In fact, we could have lost it, but I was lucky enough to score the winning goal five minutes from the end. The game was slow by American standards. We play most of our games on Astro turf, a surface on which the ball moves much faster. If the ball moves faster, the player also has to move fast. Victoria gave all their courage after half time. They fought well. I liked Jimmy Rooney, and the two strikers, Gary Cole and Carl Gilder. They are good players."



Laurie Schwab

Desperation in the Victorian goalmouth at Yakka Banovic scrambles to gather in the ball which has been shielded from Seninho (left) by Joe Picioane (standing). Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Franz Beckenbauer reigned supreme against Victoria because he was given room in which to play, but the surprises of the Cosmos team were left winger Seninho and centre back Nelsi Morais, both relatively unknown in Australia.

Seninho was like a scalpel slicing up the Victorian defence and Morais, a Brazilian, was tough in the tackle and devastating when going forward.

In my opinion, Morais was the best player of the match.

But it was Beckenbauer who captured the imagination of the public and who caught the eye of many players in the crowd.

The players marvelled at Beckenbauer's icy composure, his miserly economy of movement, his uncanny ability to hit passes with any part of either foot over any distance. How often did he send the ball 40 metres crossfield to a team-mate's foot?

Carlos Alberto showed similar ability with the ball, as did Vladislav Bogicevic. But in the latter's case, he played with such skill as to earn him empathy. I don't think he had a single sprint and it is no exaggeration to say that he walked through the game.

Johan Neeskens scored two brilliant goals and, like his super-star team-mates, he was dynamite on the ball, but his running was restricted by a badly swollen ankle which was heavily taped.

Dennis Tueart was ever-dangerous in attack and indeed, started the move that led to the first goal, scored by George Chinaglia.

Chinaglia had a few other scoring attempts but generally was kept in check by his opponent, Steve Kostek.

Victoria's strength was its attack. The Victorians looked best when they had the ball forward, with Gary Cole, Carl Gilder, Tommy Cumming and Jimmy Rooney supporting from midfield.

Collectively, the Victorian midfield was woeful and in the first half and more or less mediocre in the second half, although Jimmy Rooney had some memorable moments.

It was the failure of midfielders Joe Picioane, John Gardner and Rooney to close down their opponents that gave Cosmos such an easy time in the first 25 minutes.

As Neeskens said after the match he, Beckenbauer and Bogicevic were able to stroll about, doing as they pleased. For Beckenbauer, who usually has an opponent sticking to

VICTORIA 2 (Cumming 48th, Rooney 73rd) NEW YORK COSMOS 3 (Neeskens 60th and 85th, Chinaglia 21st) at Olympic Park, crowd about 28,000.

Rating by Laurie Schwab:

VICTORIA: Banovic 9 — Short 6, Kokoska 8, Yzendoorn 7, Tansey 8 — Gardner 6, Picioane 5 (Tront 5, 52nd), Rooney 8 — Cole 8, Gilder 7 (Paton 68th), Cumming 8.

COSMOS: Birkenmeier 6 — Eskandarian 8, Carlos Alberto 8, Nelsi Morais 9, Formoso 8, injured (Ryan 6, 49th), — Neeskens 8, Beckenbauer 9, Bogicevic 6 (Carbognani 79th) — Tueart 8, Chinaglia 6, Seninho 9, (Etherington 83rd).

Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.

Corners: Victoria 3 Cosmos 6.

Offside: Victoria 3 Cosmos 2.

But Gilder and Cole had formidable opponents in Carlos Alberto and Nelsi Morais and Cumming fought a running battle with Andrank Eskandarian, who refused to give an inch.

The match started with Dutch international defender Wim Rijlsbergen sitting on the bench, his left foot heavily strapped due to an Achilles tendon injury.

Had he been fit, Nelsi Morais may have been out, and Nelsi Morais was Cosmos' best player this day.

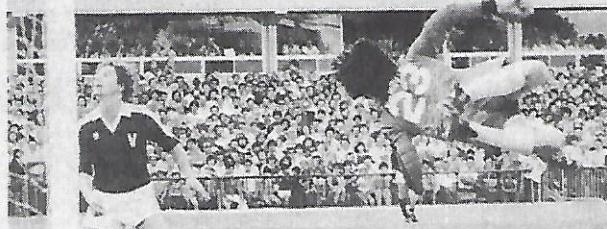
Victoria had the first dangerous attack. Cumming brought the ball forward with one of his galloping runs before cutting it back to Joe Picioane who miskicked.

Cosmos' first scoring attempt was a Chinaglia header from a Seninho cross after

the way they made position for each other to work the ball out of defence made the Victorians look positively amateurish in the first half. In one move from Carlos Alberto to Tueart who had the shot at goal, I counted 11 uninterrupted passes!

The Cosmos were particularly adept at drawing men out of position on the left flank. In one move, starting through the middle, they kept relaying the ball towards the left as one defender after another was drawn out of position until finally, Seninho remained on the line with an unmarked run toward the penalty area.

Against these subtleties, Victoria offered the strength and shielding ability of Carl Gilder and the determination and speed of Gary Cole and Tommy Cumming.



Victorian goalkeeper Yakka Banovic flies in vain as Johan Neeskens' shot enters the net for Cosmos' second goal. At left is John Yzendoorn. Picture by LES SHORROCK

Beckenbauer best

Here's how the experts voted in a poll for the top three players of the match:

RUDI GUTENDORF
3. Beckenbauer (C)
2. Rooney (V)
1. Neeskens (C)

RALE RASIC
3. Nelsi Morais (C)
2. Beckenbauer (C)
1. Rooney (V)

LAURIE SCHWAB
3. Nelsi Morais (C)
2. Beckenbauer (C)
1. Banovic (V)

2. Kokoska (V)
1. Cumming (V)

KYLE PATTERSON
3. Beckenbauer (C)
2. Nelsi Morais (C)
1. Rooney (V)

BILLY VOJTEK
3. Beckenbauer (C)
2. Neeskens (C)
1. Kokoska (V)



Mr Theo Marmaras (centre) at his last official public appearance last Sunday, before the Victoria v. Cosmos match. At left is Cosmos vice-president Dominic Flora and at right VSF vice-president Eric Heath.

FAREWELL, THEO

The president of the Victorian Soccer Federation, Mr Theo Marmaras, performed his last official duty before retiring when he officially welcomed the Cosmos team before kick-off at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Mr Marmaras, president since 1972, has had a long, distinguished career as a soccer administrator.

He was a long-serving president of South Melbourne Hellas and a leading light in the Australian Soccer Federation.

He steps down due to ill health.

VSF vice-president John Dilmstrij and Mr Peter Collins of the board of management are the candidates for the presidency.



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Gritty Vics fight back, Nelsi Morais outshines super stars



Cosmos centre back Nelsi Morais (left) commits one of his professional fouls, holding onto the arm of Victorian striker Gary Cole. Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.

Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.

an unimpeded run and almost certainly would have scored. Morais was shown the obligatory yellow card but as far as the Cosmos were concerned, he had done the right thing.

After a blast from their coach Len McKendry, the Victorians started the second half with more fire.

Cole broke clear down the right and his cross found unmarked Tommy Cumming who scored with a first-time shot, 1-1.

Seconds later, Cosmos replaced injured left back Formoso with Greg Ryan and Joe Trouton came on for Victoria in place of Picioane.

The 'war' between Cumming and Eskandarian started in earnest when Cumming brought down the Iranian international with a foul tackle. Eskandarian was about to shape up to Cumming but Bambridge got in the way.

Eskandarian got even angrier when Cumming fouled him with another foul tackle from behind. Bambridge gave Cumming the benefit of the doubt and withheld the yellow card.

Cumming's uncompromising attitude typified Victoria's approach during the second half.

Cosmos however, were not finished yet and it took two timely clearances by Kokoska to stop Chinaglia from scoring

and a brilliant save by Banovic to prevent a goal by Neeskens.

The Cumming-Eskandarian battle continued with the latter flew at Cumming behind the play with all the subtlety of a bull in a china shop.

Bogicevic may have been walking but his passes were accurate. He delivered the ball quickly when he spotted Seninho unmarked, with his opponent Steve Short caught upfield. Seninho dashed clear and sent the ball across but it all happened too quickly for Chinaglia and Tuart who could not get themselves positioned properly for a shot.

But Seninho got his satisfaction in the 60th minute when another of his moves resulted in the goal that put Cosmos back into the lead. The Portuguese winger from FC Porto played the ball square, Chinaglia let it roll to Neeskens on the far side and Neeskens hit a brilliant, swerving shot past Banovic, 2-1.

The private battle between Eskandarian and Cumming raged on. After yet another confrontation between the two, Eskandarian was shown the yellow card.

Victoria came close to equalising when Kokoska flew at a free kick taken by Jim Tansey but the header went wide.

Then Cole got into the area but his two successive shots were smothered by Morais.

Just before Cole had broken away, Jamie Paton was warming up on the sidelines, preparing to replace Cole. Now Paton came on not for Cole, but for Carl Gilder.

As play resumed, John Yzendoorn and Seninho clashed while going for a header. Both fell to the ground and Seninho recovered first, getting back onto his feet and storming goalwards, with only Banovic and Kokoska facing him. Luckily for Victoria, Kokoska intercepted.

Victoria equalised for the second time in the 73rd minute when Rooney weaved his way past three defenders and speared the ball low past Banovic, 2-2.

Tansey preserved that lead for the time being by stopping Tuart who was running onto a through ball into the penalty area and then Banovic plucked a high cross out of the air just before it could reach Chinaglia.

At the other end, Paton slipped a short pass to Rooney, coming from behind, but Rooney shot just over the bar.

Prof. Julio Mezzel must have been angry at Bogicevic's casual attitude, for he replaced Yugoslavia's former captain with Antonio Carbognani in the 79th minute.

A mighty shoulder charge by Eskandarian sent Cumming reeling but the little winger recovered quickly to force a corner off Eskandarian. From the corner, Cole hooked the ball over his shoulder, over the bar.

Birkemeier made his one difficult save of the afternoon when he turned a great drive by Steve Short over the bar, just before Gary Etherington came on to replace Seninho who deserved a rest.

Victoria's hopes of salvaging at least a draw from this prestigious match were dashed in the 85th minute. Beckenbauer played a short corner to Etherington and took the ball back. He then sent it long and hard into the penalty area where Chinaglia played it forward. Neeskens nipped in between two defenders and hit the ball into the net on the volley while falling backwards. 3-2 for Cosmos.



Franz Beckenbauer (left) and Tommy Cumming at a State Government reception for the Cosmos and Victoria.

We'll stop Franz, says Gutendorf

National coach Rudi Gutendorf will base his strategy on stopping Franz Beckenbauer in Australia's game against the New York Cosmos at the Sydney Showground tonight (Wednesday).

"Victoria made a mistake in failing to mark Beckenbauer last Sunday," Gutendorf said.

"If you give him room, he is the Kaiser."

"France can play like this until he's 60 if he doesn't have an opponent."

"I will make sure it is much more difficult for him when he meets the Socceroos."

It would not surprise to see John Coyne of Brisbane City assigned to mark Beckenbauer.

Ironically, Coyne toured Europe with the Cosmos a few years ago while he was trialling with them.

Originally with Tranmere Rovers in England, Coyne had been playing with Metros Croatia in Toronto when Cosmos decided to try him out on the tour.

However, Cosmos decided later not to sign him, so he went to Australia instead.

Gutendorf decided before last Sunday's game in Melbourne to fly J.U.S.T. midfielder Joe Picioane to Sydney for the match tonight.

Picioane is an emergency for the Socceroos' tour of China and South Korea next month.

Australian's likely team for tonight is: Woodhouse or Crook — Perry, Priskalo, Henderson, Tansey — Boden, Coyne, Rooney — Sharne, Jankovics or Cole, Cumming.

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Cosmos' coach Prof. Julio Mezzel said that Pole, the man who started the U.S. soccer boom, now spends six months of the year in Brazil and six months in New York.

As special public relations officer for Warner Communications, Pole appears at film festivals, opens Warner factories and does other public relations "work".

Cosmos came to Australia without three players, who were injured and sent back home during the tour — Francisco Marinho, Abdul Razak and Ricky David. — LAURIE SCHWAB

The New York franchise in the North American Soccer League was purchased by Warner Communications for \$6000 in 1971. Its value increased to \$25,000 when Pole joined the Cosmos in 1975 and today it is worth a staggering \$10 million.

Cosmos' turnover in a 15-match league season is \$3.75 million and its squad is worth about \$6 million on the world transfer market — not \$100 million as has been claimed.

And now a rest at home

Most of the Cosmos stars will return to their native countries during the three-month off-season which starts after their tour.

John Neeskens will return to his home in Spain. His former Ajax and Barcelona teammate Jordi Cruyff now with the Los Angeles Aztecs also will be in Spain.

Carlos Alberto will return to Brazil and Franz Beckenbauer will go to his home in Switzerland. Apparently he does not live in

West Germany because of the high tax he would have to pay there.

Neeskens said he did not intend living in Holland again.

"I like it more in Spain," he said. "I liked the soccer better there too. With Ajax I was playing in front of 15,000 towards the end, but when I joined Barcelona, our crowds were 80,000."

Neeskens opposed his old team mate Johan Cruyff in the NASL this year, when Cosmos beat the Los Angeles Aztecs 3-1 in Los Angeles.

The U.S. season resumes in April.



Tommy Cumming is caught between Santiago Formoso (left) and Nelsi Morais as the ball flashes past them. Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.

WHERE TO SEE THE GAME.

VICTORIA:

Ballarat Ballarat Toyland, 29 Sturt Street.
Bendigo Bendigo Toyland, 306 Hargreaves Street.
Broadmeadows Dallas Newsagency, 13 Dargie Court.
Chelsea Chelsea Auth. Newsagency, 415 Nepean Highway.
Coburg Coburg Auth. Newsagency, 395 Sydney Road.
Dandenong W.C. Cox, 349 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong.
Fawkner Brian Walsh Sports Store, 123-125 Jukes Road.
Frankston Martin & McKay (2 shops), 78 Young Street.
Glenroy Woods Newsagency, 773 Pascoe Vale Road.
Port Melbourne Port Melbourne Auth. Newsagency, 265 Bay St.
St. Kilda The Esplanade Newsagency, 33 Fitzroy Street.

NEW SOUTH WALES:

Auburn Clarke's Newsagency, 55 Auburn Road.
Bathurst Funtasia Toys & Hobbies.
Bondi Junction Land & Toyworld, Carousel Shopping Centre, Shop 3, Level 3.
Bradbury Pats Sports & Toys, Shop 30, Bradbury Shopping Centre.
Burwood Land & Toyworld, 31-32 Westfield Shoppingtown.
Campbelltown Funtasia Toys & Hobbies.
Middletons Toyworld, 256 Queen Street.
Chatswood Chatswood Townworld, 344 Victoria Avenue.

Dee Why Paul's Funtastic Toys & Hobbies, 838 Pittwater Road.

Double Bay Toy Villa.

Lakemba Lakemba Sports & Toys, 147 Haldon Street.

Liverpool Transter Toyworld, 227 George Street.

Macquarie Fields Glen Quarry Toyworld, 27B & C Glenquarry Centre.

Manly Manly Toyworld, Shop 5,

Manly Mall Arcade, 74 The Corso.

Miranda Miranda Fair Toyworld, Shop 3, Miranda Fair.

Myer's Suburban & City Stores (8), Western Stores (5).

Rose Bay Grants Toys, 517 Old South Head Road.

Springwood Jordans Springfield Toybox, 147 Macquarie Road.

St. Ives St. Ives Sports & Toys, Shop 12, Shopping Centre.

Sydney Fantastic Toys & Hobbies, 34 Angel Arcade.

Funtasia Toys & Hobbies, George Street.

Willoughby Hijinks, 511 Willoughby Road.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA:

Adelaide The Goal, 38 Twin Street.
Blackwood Presentation & Toyworld,
Foodland Shopping Centre, 248 Main Road.
Blair Athol Toy Centre, 462 Main North Road.
Christies Beach Denny's Sports Goods & Toy Shop,
58 Beach Road.

Gawler Merchants Pty. Ltd., 112 Murray Street.

Goodwood Hazels Toyland, 111A Goodwood Road.

Ingle Farm Ingle Farm Gift Centre,

Ingle Farm Shopping Centre, Montague Road.

John Martin & Co., Rundle Mall, Elizabeth,

Kilkenny, Marion, West Lakes.

Modbury T.T.P. Toyworld, T.T.P. Shopping Centre,

Main North East Road.

Mr. Gambier Arena, Commercial Street East.

Reynella Kids Korner & Toyworld, Sherriffs Road.

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Preston Makedonia's Eric Lesbirel (right) looks set to pounce on Essendon Croatia's Tommy Cumming.



Frankston's Bob Adams (left) and Croatia's Tommy Cumming shape up to each other while Croatia's Carl Gilder gives Adams a menacing stare. Also pictured are Howard Andrews of Croatia (foreground), Tony Young of Frankston (second right) and John Gardiner of Croatia (right).

Murphy battles for fitness, Smith leaves

Croydon City captain and midfield destroyer Duncan Smith has left Australia on the eve of his club's most important game.

Smith has returned to Scotland, leaving Croydon to face Essendon Croatia at Olympic Park this Sunday in a do-or-die State League Cup third round game.

If Croydon can draw or defeat Croatia, it will win a place in the State League Cup final against Preston Makedonia, which would be a tremendous achievement for the first-year team.

Smith booked his trip to Scotland a while ago before he knew of Croydon's involvement in the top four series. To change the departure date would cost the club \$500.

However, there's now no chance Smith may return to Croydon for the 1980 or '81 season. His wife, who couldn't settle in Australia, has indicated she would maybe like to try again in the future to make this country her home.

Smith, who will try to join a Scottish League club when he returns, may face visa problems if he wants to return.

His replacement in the Croydon team will be Harry McKinley or Charlie Murphy. Murphy's fitness is in doubt after he strained knee ligaments and suffered a badly bruised shin in the opening round of the State League Cup.

He has been receiving constant treatment from top sports physiotherapist Barry Richardson. If Murphy is not fit for this week, he will certainly be available for the final, should Croydon qualify.

Frankston City has already begun its team building for next season by re-signing former Norwich City winger Bruce Young.

The club has already signed a new goalkeeper, Stan Drummond from Scottish club Alloa Athletic.

Frankston will try to re-sign Tony Young and Kevin Swinscoe, who both are returning to England to try and get back into league football.

Swinscoe was invited to try his luck with Norwich City, on the invitation of Martin Peters. Frankston coach has also set up Swinscoe for a trial at Watford.

Swinscoe was an apprentice with Nottingham Forest before coming to Australia.

Tony Young, who played professional football with Manchester Utd and York City, may return to Australia if he can't break into professional soccer.

Willie Coulson and Alex Tulloch are two other players whose futures at Frankston are in doubt. Both seem certain to return to Britain.

There will be plenty of wedding bells at Frankston over the next few months. Danny McCluskey, Ged Bannon and Noel Mitten are all planning to marry Australian girls.

The bonus for Frankston is that all would then be eligible for permanent residence. With Tulloch, Coulson, Tony Young, Swinscoe perhaps not returning to the club, and the other three getting married, Frankston would have only one temporary residence visa player — Bruce Young.

This leaves two vacancies for temporary residence visa players, giving City some scope for recruiting.

Coach Freddy Bunce will make two changes to the Frankston line up for the third round game against Preston. Noel Mitten will replace Goran Runje, and young goalkeeper Dave Gilbert will replace Frank Petersen.

George McMillan will return to the starting line up of Makedonia's team, with Stuart Cunningham being relegated to the bench.

Croatia, the Cups King of Victoria, has the added bonus of having forward Branko Culina in line for selection.

STATE LEAGUE CUP

Third round, Sunday October 28.

Essendon Croatia v Croydon City 1.30 p.m.

Preston Makedonia v Frankston City 3.00 p.m.

- KYLE PATTERSON

Bunce: 'They tried to force me out'

Coach Freddy Bunce may quit Frankston City because of opposition from some of the club's administrators and from the local Press.

Bunce said that at the height of the ill-feeling against him, the local (Frankston) Press tried to use its influence with the club's committee to get Bunce sacked and replaced by a previous Frankston City coach.

The move came at a time when Frankston was on top of the State League, and it was rejected by the administration. However, Bunce continued to be blatantly criticised by committee members and supporters.

"It wasn't uncommon for me to name a team, and for someone to say in front of me: 'That's the most unbalanced team I've ever seen'. My only comment would be, 'Well, it's my job to select the team and that's the one I'm having. You can take it or leave it,'" explained Bunce.

He added that his efforts this season haven't been appreciated by all at Frankston.

"I'm quite satisfied with what I've achieved", said Bunce, "and the team's efforts have put Frankston on the map. Remember, Frankston had never before finished in the top four of the State League, let alone finished second".

It's fair to assume that if a section of the Frankston administration is against Bunce, he may not be asked to coach again. But even if he is asked, Bunce is uncertain whether he will accept.

"It's been a hectic season; my most hectic in coaching", he said. "I haven't decided if I want to continue with Frankston, although after a break over the summer, my attitude may change.

"My family would like me to give coaching a rest for a season, because it's very time-consuming. But I accept that as part of the job and, anyway, soccer is in my blood and I couldn't imagine myself giving up."

"If I'm not with Frankston, I'd like to be with another State League club."

Bunce received most of the 'pressure' from knockers because of his team selections. Like always, the knockers jumped out in force when the team was losing.

"At the beginning of the season the coaching and selecting of teams was left up to me, as it should be", said Fred.

"When any team is going badly, the coach gets the blame and that's what happened at Frankston."

The slump Bunce talked of saw Frankston squander a five-point lead at the top of the State League. Essendon Croatia caught Frankston in round 20 and became the top team after City had held No. 1 position for 19 weeks.

In the Dockerty Cup final, Frankston outplayed Croatia and led 1-0 with less than a minute remaining, but lost 2-1 after extra time.

The only 'honour' Frankston salvaged is that it is in the Phillips Cup draw for 1980.

Although that indicates a successful season, the year brought no



Frankston's Noel Mitten scores from the penalty spot, shooting past Croydon goalkeeper Mick Edwards.

rewards in the form of championships or trophies.

"My job as a coach is to get results and improve the players", said Bunce. "If you look at it closely, Frankston didn't get results. There's no point finishing second in a soccer."

"However, I'm satisfied that I helped the players and improved the play of many. I carried out that part of my job".

But why did Frankston slump so badly?

"We lost key players for long periods of time", said Fred, "and this contributed a great deal to us slipping at the vital stage. We had Tony Young out for six weeks, Noel Mitten for six weeks and Keith Webster for seven weeks. At one stage, Webster was the key man in our midfield and his injury was quite unsettling."

"It was a matter of not having enough depth. In some games we had only eight or nine players functioning correctly and the rest weren't good enough."

"Because the key players were missing, results went against us and the team lost form. Kevin Swinscoe, for example, lost form when

Mitten was injured. Instead of just coming off defenders to take the ball and lay it off, Swinscoe was forced to drop back deep to pick the ball up."

"That style of play doesn't suit him and he didn't play to his full potential."

The bitterness from some club supporters was caused by Frankston slipping after being on top for so long, said Bunce.

"It was hard to take, especially when the supporters were confident we had the championship wrapped up", he added.

"The club had paid quite a deal of money to bring out Martin Peters and Eamon Bannon, and that made things better, too".

There's no doubt that Bunce worked wonders with Frankston. The team wasn't expected to reach the top four, let alone threaten to win the championship.

In a preview of the State League season, I tipped Frankston to finish among the also-rans. I was proved wrong, and Freddy was kind enough to point this out to me!

I asked him which players had shown the greatest improvement. He named Danny



Frankston City's midfield powerhouse Ged Bannon (left), turned to resume his quest for the ball after being foiled by Croydon's Gary Hobson.



Frankston coach Freddy Bunce.

McCluskey, Bob Adams and Alex Tulloch.

"Bobby had a problem in reading the play," said Fred. "He was pulled out of the middle of defence too much and often needlessly dived into tackles."

"We worked on him with his reading of the game, so he knew where to position himself and also coached him to stand up and face his opponent before committing himself in the tackle."

Bunce said McCluskey's biggest problem was concentration.

"He had problems in the past with referees and this was because he lost concentration during a game," said Bunce. "But this season he was suspended only once, for collecting 12 penalty points. His concentration on his job was much better."

Bunce praised Tulloch for his distribution.

"Alex hardly got a game last season but has great passing ability," said Bunce. "We had many good, destructive players in defence but Alex was the only one who could hit creative passes. He rarely gave the ball away and is a player with considerable skill."

"Bruce Young was a disappointment because of his inconsistency. He won a couple of games for us with his speed but it could have been a lot more."

Bunce is in only his third season of State league coaching. The first two were with Ringwood City. Before turning to coaching he was a top player with Watford in England and with Ringwood in Melbourne.

He aims to one day coach a PSL club but is disturbed by the way many national clubs appoint their coaches.

"It seems you have to be a 'game' coach before you get a job," said Fred, "and it's always the same faces popping up year after year. It's like a merry-go-round. Clubs should take more time before they appoint coaches."

AUSSIE RULES GROUND JUST'S NEW HOME

Footscray J.U.S.T. is likely to play its home games at either Western Oval or Yarraville Football Ground next season.

Western Oval is the home of Footscray VFL club. The other ground is the home of Yarraville which plays in the VFA.

J.U.S.T. president Tony Kovac said he was negotiating with Footscray president Charlie Sutton for use of Western Oval and that a decision would be announced within three weeks.

Yarraville is also trying to move to Western Oval.

Footscray City mayor Cr Ray Powell said that if Yarraville succeeds in the move, the council would hand Yarraville Football Ground to J.U.S.T.

The ground has good grandstand seating and cover and licensed premises.

Rental at Western Oval and at Yarraville would be cheaper than at Olympic Park, the ground J.U.S.T. used this year.

The soccer pitch at Western Oval would be laid out as close to the grandstand as possible so that all spectators would be seated under cover and have a good view.



Jim Kondaros (centre) displays his trophy after being voted Footscray JUST's player of the year. JUST president Tony Kovac (right) and Charlie Sutton, president of the Footscray VFL club, congratulate Jim.

Kondaros 'no' to Hellas offer?

Central defender Jim Kondaros, 28, was named best and fairest player of Footscray J.U.S.T. at a presentation dinner at Western Oval, home of VFL club Footscray, last Saturday.

Kondaros polled 36 votes to finish well ahead of joint runners-up Joe Picioane and Slobodan Jovanovic, who polled 27.

Kondaros' prize was a trophy and \$200 donated by Michael Spencer of West Footscray Motors.

Spencer also presented Picioane and Jovanovic with \$750 each.

He said Hellas wanted to sign him but that he would prefer to stay with J.U.S.T. if the terms are right. "At J.U.S.T. I've never been put down for playing a bad game. People don't get on your back, but at Hellas, if you have a bad day everybody says you've sold your club down the river."

Meanwhile, Joe Palinkas is reported to be interested in joining Brisbane City. Apparently he is going to Brisbane to work.

J.U.S.T.'s Second Division best and fairest player was Ivan Karic, who received \$200.

Voting in the senior award:

- 36. Kondaros,
- 37. Picioane, Jovanovic,
- 26. Lujic, Potter,
- 21. Jovicic,
- 19. Ollerton, Ristic,
- 18. Palinkas
- 13. O'Reilly
- 9. Rujevic,
- 8. Iloski, Boland.
- 4. Hazabent.

SLICKERS IN FINAL — BUT REF. STEALS THE SHOW



Andy Bozikas of Heidelberg scores one of his two goals past Kim Wishart of Brisbane City.



Gary Cole of Heidelberg jumps above Kim Wishart to head a goal. Steve Perry (right) of Brisbane City can only watch.

Cole mauls weak Brisbane City

HEIDELBERG UTD 6
BRISBANE CITY 2

Philips League top four series.

Ground: Olympic Park.

Crowd: About 500.

Scores: Cole 3, Bozikas 2,

Buljevic (H'berg), Kelso,

Campbell (Bris).

Referee: Tony Boskovic 9.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 7

(inj. sub. Olver 85th) — McMillan 8, Yzendoorn 8, Bannon 9, Tonsey 8 — Taylor 8, Rooney 8 — Bozikas 8, Cole 10, Paton 6, Buljevic 8.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 5

— Perry 4, Coyne 4, Ratcliffe 4,

Wilkinson 3 — Gaffney 7, Plumb 5 — Caldwell 4, Kelso 7,

Campbell 6, Low 3.

Cole, enjoying a period of superb form, ripped Brisbane City apart almost single-handedly, scoring three goals and helping to set up two others.

Bozikas City was hopeless,

as it has been in most other games it has played in Melbourne this year.

The plan to play with two wingers dropping back to assist in midfield, backfired badly. Neither Kevin Caldwell nor Kevin Low did anything worthwhile. Certainly they did not do any defensive duties.

Heidelberg also lined up

four forwards, as Jim Campbell was out injured. The man who replaced him, Andrew Bozikas, scored two of the goals.

A dismal crowd of about 500 turned up to watch a match which was of no importance to either side, as Heidelberg had been eliminated and Brisbane City was in the final win or lose.

Here's how the goals were scored:

35th min: 1-0: Jamie Paton crosses the ball short, Cole challenges goalkeeper Kim Wishart in the air and heads down to Branko Buljevic who side-foots home.

55th min: 2-0: Taylor crosses the ball wide, Buljevic holds the ball under pressure on the left and cuts it back to Cole when Wishart comes out. Cole slams it into the goal.

57th min: 3-0: Cole jumps at a tall free kick and scores with a glancing header.

67th min: 4-1: Larry Gaffney plays a short cross and with a glancing header, Perry steals the ball in midfield and plays it square to Cole who sticks it past Wishart who has come out to the edge of the area.

70th: 5-2: The ball comes off a defender to Bobby Campbell who runs it in unopposed.

71st min: 6-2: Bozikas dribbles past Bill Wilkinson and shoots past oncoming Wishart. — LAURIE SCHWARTZ

SYDNEY CITY 1 MARCONI 0

Ground: Marconi Oval

Crowd: 4783

Referee: Mellings 5

Yellow cards: Krcevic 23',

Carroll 23', Henderson 36',

Silva 36', Prekalo 41', Campbell 78' (1).

Red Cards: nil.

Goals: Barnes (75').

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 8, Mullen 8, Thomson 8, O'Connor 9, Bruce 7, Stevenson 7, Campbell 6 (Souness 78'), Kershaw 7, Watson 7, Barnes 8, Silva 8.

MARCONI: Maher 8, Brogan 7, Russell 7, Jankovic 7, Dugay 6, Henderson 8, Byrne 6, Krcevic 6 (Mariani 62' 6), Jankovic 7, Shanes 8.

Sydney City turned up on a powerful display of fine attacking soccer in the second 45 minutes to batter Marconi into submission and earn a place in the grand final against Brisbane City.

With 15 minutes to go and City yet again racing forward, Marconi's defence was slow to react and assemble its rear-guard. Hilton Silva moved into an open space on the left wing before crossing to the far post for Murray Barnes to climb above Tony Henderson and score with a brilliant header.

This was the end of the season as far as Marconi was concerned. Marconi appeared sluggish and unable to penetrate that well-drilled City defence, while the Slackers always looked dangerous.

However, an incident that occurred some three minutes after City had scored, gave Marconi an opportunity to appeal against the result.

An over-enthusiastic tackle by Ernie Campbell in the 78th minute was observed by the referee, Stewart Mellings, and Campbell's name went into the book.

This booking should have given Marconi the advantage of one man on the field, as it was the second booking for Ernie Campbell in this particular game.

Somehow, Campbell got away with two yellow cards.

Gerry Chaldi, the Sydney City coach, immediately replaced Campbell with Ian Souness.

Mellings, I am sure, had enough time to check his book before Campbell was replaced, yet he decided to let Souness on and the play to continue.

Amid all the boos and hoots during the last 10 minutes, Mellings was furiously checking through his little notebook and evidently taking some more notes while play was in progress.

After the game I asked Mellings about the bookings. "Number 9 was booked in the first half and number 8 was booked in the second half," came a very firm answer. But a little earlier one of the reporters was informed that Campbell wasn't booked in the first half. "It was No 9 who was booked," was the statement given by the referee.

No. 9 was Ernie Campbell.

In fact the linesman agreed with the referee that Campbell wasn't booked twice, and that Barnes was booked in the second half. Did anyone ask Murray? Well, if you did, you'd have found that Barnes knew nothing of being booked.

Add a little spice to this comedy of errors. If a player is booked, his name is taken, as well as the number, while the referee informs the player of the reason for booking and notes the same in his little "diary".

However, in this case, I kept hearing the story of number 9 and number 8, with names apparently of little importance!

Marconi has appealed to the Philips League over the incident and I am in no position to judge the outcome, but I feel Sydney City were deserved winners and the result should stand.

Even with 10 players in the last 15 minutes, City would have won.

Any other decision by the Philips League will no doubt be as a consequence of the referee's decision and will certainly do no justice to Sydney City.

Back to the game.

With the exception of a great chance that fell to Alan Kershaw in the opening minutes of this encounter, we saw little to enthuse about.

Barnes broke free on the right wing and his low cross was met by Kershaw some five metres from the Marconi line. Kershaw shook his head in disbelief as the ball rolled off his knee and just past the post with Allan Maher stranded.

The rest of the first half belonged to some over-anxious tackles and numerous yellow cards. In fact, five players were booked.

The charge of the light blue brigade came in the second half. City moved forward with more purpose and came close many times.

In the 65th minute, following a cross by Watson, Barnes rose high to head past Maher, but the boot of Russell was there to clear.

Only a minute later City should have scored. Ian Bruce ran into space on the left flank and crossed to the far post for Kershaw to head inches wide of the upright.

Barnes broke free inside the area to face Maher in the 75th before attempting a low shot for the far corner. Maher sprung into action with a lightning dive that saw him finger tip the ball past the post for a corner.

But the end was near as only a few seconds later, Barnes got up to notch a great goal which proved sufficient to win the game.

Marconi were not without their share of chances and had they taken them, the story might have been different.

Following a foul on Jankovic in the 58th minute, Ken Lindsay quickly took the kick by pushing the ball forward for Krcevic to run inside the area and face Clarke. The City keeper dived at Krcevic's feet to foil the Marconi's feed.

With 20 minutes to go Janovic and Sharne broke free and with O'Connor the sole defender, it looked a goal all the way.

However, Jankovic selflessly held the ball too long, attempted to beat O'Connor and in the end just managed to push the ball at Clarke. Had Jankovic passed to Sharne, Clarke would have had to do wonders to keep the score sheet blank.

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Munich 1860 buys Flohe

The West German Bundesliga's attendance total of 7.4 million, though the third best in the history of the National League, was nonetheless 600,000 below the previous season's record-breaking figure.

The average gate was 24,233 and VfB Stuttgart again topped the list with 41,296 in a match — last year they registered 43,000 on average!

Five clubs, Stuttgart, Hamburger SV, IFC Nürnberg (relegated), Schalke and Bayern, all recorded average attendances of between 32,000 and 41,000 and they are financially OK. At the other end of the scale Hertha Berlin, Eintracht, Brunswick, Fortuna, Düsseldorf, Darmstadt and Duisburg had to be content with crowds of 16,000 down to 10,000 per game.

There are further examples. VfB Stuttgart despite losing 216,000 fans as compared with last year, still clocked up a net profit of about \$500,000!

Hamburger SV report a new record in sales of season tickets — 6,017 were sold, bringing in \$800,000. Bayern Munich drew to a friendly match with local rivals 1860 a mammoth crowd of 70,000 wanting to see this prestige derby, and both clubs cashed in handsomely from this unusual revenue.

But others in the Bundesliga are existing on a shoe-string budget. The fear of remaining financially insolvent at the end of the season and having their professional licence taken away by the DFB, hangs heavily over the lesser lights among the professional clubs in West German football.

Most clubs went cautiously into the transfer market in the summer break. The most important moves:

1860 Munich: Newcomers — Flohe (Ex-Cologne); Kapelman (Hertha Berlin); Senzen (Dynamo Zagreb).

Schalke: Newcomers — Bojat (Hajduk Split); Dzoni (Dynamo Zagreb); Nigbur (Hertha Berlin); Departed — Gross (to USA), Erwin Kremers (invited out of football); Lukeschmidt (Bocholt).

Borussia Dortmund: Departed — Held (Münster); Lippert (Jena).

Eintracht Brunswick: Newcomers — Worm (Duisburg); Departed — Nickel (Borussia Mönchengladbach).

Hertha Berlin: Newcomers — Kleff (Borussia Mönchengladbach). Departed — Nigbur (Schalke); Weiner (Bayern); Beer (Saudi Arabia); Gersdorff (USA).

Fortuna Düsseldorf: Newcomers — Wenzel (Eintracht Frankfurt); Departed — Lund (USA); Woyke (invited out of football).

Hamburger SV: Necromers — Jakobs (Duisburg); Departed — Ripp (Lüneburg).



Cha Bum Kun, the South Korean forward of Frankfurt.



Heinz Flohe, the West German international midfielder of Munich 1860.

Werde Bremen: departed — Roentgen (back to Denmark).

Eintracht Frankfurt: Newcomers — Cha Bum Kun (Darmstadt), then South Korea, back to Germany. Departed — Eisener (FC Zurich), Kraus (Bayern Munich); Wenzel (Fortuna Düsseldorf).

Borussia Mönchengladbach: Newcomers — Nickel (Eintracht Brunswick); Departed — Kieft (Hertha Berlin); Koppel (Viersen); Simonsen (Barcelona); Vogts (retired from active football).

Bayern Munich: Newcomers — Dremmler (Eintracht Brunswick); Hoenn (VfB Stuttgart); Kraus (Eintracht Frankfurt); Weiner (Hertha Berlin). Departed — Kapellmann (1860 Munich); Rausch (USA); Jol (back to Holland).

VfB Stuttgart: Departed — Dieter Hoess (Bayern Munich); IFC Köl (Cologne).

VICTIM OF OWN SUCCESS

GARRINCHA, former Brazilian international right-winger, considered by many the best ever, was interned in a sanatorium in Rio with acute hypertension brought on when he played in a Rio "beach championship" match on the sands shortly after eating and drinking a lot. But Garrincha's problem really started soon after he left top class soccer when his marriage problems and loneliness drove him to alcohol.

Argentinians tactically naive, says Menotti

By ERIC WEIL
in "World Soccer"

ARGENTINE national team coach Cesar Menotti — under whom the country won the World Cup for the first time last year — says he has always been a great defender of the player with technique and individual skill and the easy and sure ball control which the Argentine player possess, but he does not forget that his players continue to show mistakes in conception of team work.

"That is why we lose out," he says, "against teams which, although they find it harder to do what comes easily to us (ball control), have a much clearer idea of the concept of team work. This has nothing to do with the physical preparation or the athletic capabilities of European players over South Americans and much less with the need to sacrifice ability for utility, which are frequent accusations levelled against us here after we are outvoted by a European team. But I continue to favour individual talent even though the less talented player is always more ready to rely on team work. I can improve the team concept in a player and also his technique, but I can't make an untalented player into a talented one even if I had him to work under me for 10 hours a day."

"Really the team concept should already be installed into the talents available when I pick him for a selection without my having to waste time on this phase," continues Menotti, but unfortunately this is not so in my country and time continues to be

wasted which could be used to better advantage during the limited periods I have the national team players for training. But as long as those responsible for coaching junior teams at the various clubs continue in the belief that the more important win championships than reaching the players the complete (team) concept of soccer. The Argentine FA's national coach will have to waste his time teaching players team play."

He gave examples:

When one talks of making triangles or covering or giving the man in possession of the ball the chance to pass it, one rarely goes to the bottom of the question which is the rational conception of the field, both in defense and attack, two functions which can not be separated by a clerk and definite line, for example Monday from Tuesday. The moment we have the ball in our possession we attack, but if we make a mistake in attack and give the ball away, at that very moment we are already defending. And in one or the other phase, not only the



Cesar Menotti (left), the national coach of Argentina.

man who has the ball, or loses it, is involved, but the whole team.

"If my players stop at an imaginary line parallel to the goal line, there is only one result — they attack badly and defend badly and they lose the most important thing a team must have — balance. Two players defending in a line can be beaten by only one person between them. In the same way, two players in one line, passing the ball, can easily have it intercepted by an opponent and are unable to stop him going into attack. In such cases, numerical superiority, as far from becoming tactical superiority, is a clear factor of lack of balance in a team."

When the two players are not in a line, the one placed further back is naturally in a better position to intercept the opponent who takes the ball.

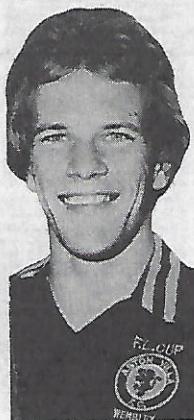
All this may seem elementary, but it is one of the most common errors seen in Argentine teams. It is however, not the only one, nor the worst.

"When I direct a training match and see a player with his back to the opposing goal receiving the ball and then turn round to take it into attack, I immediately stop play and give a free kick against him — not for a foul, but to drive home the error of his ways."

"If a player tries to stop the ball, then turns round with it to try and beat the defender marking him, he will almost surely lose the ball and jeopardize his team's chances to attack. The correct way would be for the receiver to return it backwards or sideways, with only one touch, preferably not to the same player who passed it to him, and

'GLAMOUR BOY' GRAY FOR NATIONAL RECALL

From JIM COOK
Our European Correspondent



when his contract expires in April 1980.

of the smallest supported sides in the Bundesliga.

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Willie Waddell (58) has resigned as general manager of Glasgow Rangers and continues as a club director. Waddell was a big star winger with Rangers and Scotland for many years.

★★★

Harry Melrose the Partick Thistle and Scotland Under 21 striker is almost certain to move south for a \$700,000 fee soon. A host of English clubs including Tommy Docherty's Queen Park Rangers are in the hunt.

★★★

John Robertson (26) the Nottingham Forest and Scotland winger has been granted a testimonial by his club after being with them for 11 years.

★★★

Swansea City chairman Malcolm Struel is a solicitor who has called on the Football League and F.A. to make top referees professional coaches for the whistlers for the next generation.

★★★

Peter Shilton the Nottingham Forest and England keeper has signed a new four year contract with the club which gives him a basic wage of \$2400 per week making him the highest paid player in British football.

★★★

Don Revie has turned down a \$100,000 a year five year contract with all expenses from Philadelphia Furies. Revie has still two years of his \$600,000 contract to run with United Arab Emirates.

★★★

Geoff Hurst has now appointed permanent manager of Chelsea.

★★★

First player to reach the dreadfully bad disciplinary points this season is Paul Hart of Leeds who automatically gets a three match suspension.

★★★

Chris Houghton the Spur's defender who has multiple nationality has settled in the Republic of Ireland. He was born in England, his father was from Ghana and his mother from Ireland.

★★★

Willie Johnston the former Scotland winger has joined Birmingham City on loan from Vancouver Whitecaps.

★★★

Fortuna Düsseldorf players are on \$10,000 a man to turn their 1-2 European Cup-winners deficit into victory at home in the return. And Fortuna are one

Dope-testing of soccer players in England will start within the next few weeks after a vigorous campaign for such by the Daily Star newspaper. F.A. spokesman said clubs will be told when tests are to start, it will take six months before results are completed and players will be offered the alternative of a blood or urine sample.

★★★

Bruno Pezzey of Eintracht Frankfurt, who was seen on West German TV punching Jurgen Gelsdorf of Leverkusen copped a 12 month suspension as well as a \$2000 fine.

★★★

Bayern Munich players get a \$1600 bonus for a home win, \$500 for a away win, \$1000 for an away draw. So winning the Bundesliga is worth \$25,000 per player.

★★★

Steve Waldorf the Arsenal utility player has been told by manager Terry Neill that his transfer request will be refused and that he must honour his contract with the club.

★★★

Less than two years ago when Hungary were beaten 4-0 by England at Wembley Andras Toocrooski the Upiest and Hungarian World Cup star vowed he would never return to London after his girlfriend was in court for shoplifting. But Toocrooski who recently suffered hip and knee injuries in a car accident is in fact coming back to London — to a Harley Street specialist.

Swedish soccer is "alive" with British coaches. Sammy Cheung is with IFK Västerås, Bob Houghton (Malmö) Roy Hodgson (Halmstad) Frank Marsden (Halmstad) and Keith Sprague with Landskrona. And two Englishmen will be in charge of the teams contesting the Norwegian Cup-Final on October 21. Former Southampton star Tony Knapp is boss of Viking while ex Millwall defender Dennis Burnett is coach of the opposition - Haugås.

Both Manchester United and Manchester City are in the race for Yugoslav international defender Nikolai Jovanovic. Yugoslav footballers are not

an experienced English keeper who has some Maltese background is toying with the idea of migrating to Australia

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'Falcao is Coutinho's ace' BRAZIL BEATEN BY ALTITUDE

THE 'new' Brazilian team had a terrible time at almost 4,000 metres altitude in La Paz and lost 2-1 to Bolivia. It was a big surprise and the second defeat for Coutinho since he took over as Brazilian coach. The first one was against France (1-0) in Paris just before the World Cup. One week before Bolivia had won against Argentina in La Paz also by 2-1.

Suspension for Boniek

New Polish star Zbigniew Boniek has been suspended for three games — he couldn't have played anyway because of a tonsil operation . . . Konstantin Beskov, who took Russia to runners-up spot in the 1964 Nations' Cup, is back in place of Nikita Simionov . . . Olek Borkin, centre forward, topping 200 league games with a trick . . . Allan Simonsen has refused to share rooms with Hans Krankl on Barcelona away trips because he reckons he'll pick up the language quicker rooming with one of the Spaniards . . . Fernando Morena, high-scoring Penarol centre-forward, has joined Rayo Vallecano . . . Sepp Maier's car crash injuries broke his record run of 422 consecutive league games . . . Jef Viers has been sacked by relegated Nuremberg after only four games . . . Radojko Avramovic has left Rijeka to keep goal for English second division club, Notts County . . . Fernando Piazza has quit Saint-Etienne to return to Argentina with Velez Sarsfield . . . Atanasio Vilalba, one of Olimpia's Libertadores Cup Stars, could be coming to Europe, with An derlecht . . . Rob Rensenbrink missed the start of the season because of a knee operation . . . Elias Figuerola, footballer of the Year and Chile's national defender, has retired after a training accident which almost cost him his life . . . Joachim Streich of Magdeburg is East Germany's new Footballer of the Year . . . Joao Alves suffered a serious leg fracture in only his third league match after joining Paris Saint-Germain from Benfica . . . Peruvian forward Juan Jose Ore is set to join Panathinaikos . . . ASA Hartford, Scotland World Cup Midfielder, has left Nottingham Forest after only three games . . . the ex-Manchester City man joined the Italian outfit for \$500,000 pounds — following the transfer of Lazio Balot to Brugge, Hungary are to permit players of 30 with 25 caps to play their last seasons abroad . . . Hubert Baumgartner, the FK Austria goalkeeper, has joined Huelva in Spain . . . 'Bobby' Pollak is back in the Czechoslovak national squad thanks to his fine form since his transfer to Sparta Prague.

At the same time, the player who tries to play the ball more than once when his back is to the opposing goal, is not only wasting time but also complicating things for himself and the whole team and annulling their attack possibilities.

Centre-forward Leopoldo Luque was one of Argentina's World Cup men who best understood this manoeuvre.

The player who has an advantage and a disadvantage. The advantage is that by going a couple of paces towards the ball at the right moment, he covers the ball from the opponent who is marking him and retains possession for his team. The disadvantage is that he does not have a frontal view of his team's attacking objective as he is looking at his own side of the field. Therefore he must make the best use of his advantage so as not to have it outweighed by his inaccuracy.

"If he goes towards the ball and touches it just once towards his team mate, the opponent at his back suffers one of the greatest physiological problems to befall a player — he gets to the table to find the food has already been eaten. At the same time, the team mate to whom the ball is passed should invariably be one who is looking and advancing towards the opposing goal.

"I am not one to use personal experiences as an example just to show how well one did it, but my son relates to this point when he played with Juarez (now also a coach) for Rosario Central (my first professional club).

"We got tired of scoring goals with a simple and direct move. I sent the ball to Juarez who received it with his back to the opposing goal and I continued to rush forward. He gave me a little time to get almost level with him, then lightly touched it sideways into my path and I shot on the run in front of goal. It repeatedly fooled defenders — and with a similar move Italy would have won the World Cup if they had not defected during last year's World Cup finals. On that occasion two Italians, Bettiga and Rossi, touching the ball twice, bet three Argentine defenders (not counting the goalkeeper).

"This brings me to square passing, perfected so well by Pele and Coutinho (no relation to the present Brazilian national coach) during Santos' hey-day. Their square passing always ended with one of the two shooting at goal or passing on someone else after the second pass — which is what should be done.

"I am talking about square passing in the attacking zone — within 30 metres of goal. In the rest of the field we can do as many square passes as we like as long as it is to retain possession of the ball. But when we are within striking distance, square passing should be strictly limited . . . and that is where many Argentine teams go wrong.

"On the other hand, if the player passes behind the ball, he is doing two positive things for his team; a) He generally takes his marker with him and is in the way of the attacking team and b) he hinders his team mate's advance by placing another obstacle in his way apart from those naturally made by opponents.

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"Those who have had the patience to observe midfielder Osvaldo Ardiles in the national team, both when he has the ball and when he does not have it, will understand the above better. Ardiles is not an athlete, but in every one of his moves he shows three factors which are vital in football — talent, conception and hard work. To watch him play is a lesson of how to make the best use of open spaces and to understand the importance of passing and then running behind the play.

"Square passing should not exceed two taps each between two players. Why? Because the first square pass may surprise or unbalance the opposition, but it must switch the line of defence. As we advance, square passes follow square passes, the open spaces become smaller as the obstacles (opponents) also multiply. If, after two square passes, there is no opening to shoot at goal, it is preferable to look for some other solution — dribbling or passing

The Brazilians are worried because they qualify for the next World Cup. Now they are planning to go to Chile, Colombia and Mexico before the match in La Paz to adapt the players slowly to the height.

The Bolivian players ran all the time and they didn't score more goals because Leo made several good saves. The best Brazilian players such as Zico, Falcao, Socrates and Nelson were injured and Edinho was suspended after 30 minutes when Cosca scored after an Edinho mistake. The first half ended 1-1.

The Brazilian midfield wasn't working very well because Carpegiani and Zenon misunderstood each other. The new Brazilian side is not the same without Falcao and Socrates. On the other hand Diego Maradona was playing superbly. But after 53 minutes the young winger Tita exchanged the ball several times with his Flamingo mate Zico and scored. Brazil 2-1.

Cesar Menotti liked the new Brazilian side: "Now they are an attacking team again, have wingers and really look like the Brazilian side of the 1970 World Cup. But for me the six best teams in the world now are (in descending order) Argentina, Holland, Germany, Brazil, Chile and the sixth is between Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Hungary. It was a pity that Falcao didn't play against us in Maracana I would like to see him. He is the best Brazilian midfield player even before the last World Cup and I can't understand why Coutinho didn't call him up in Argentina."

\$3m. debts

Chile's most popular club, Colo Colo of Santiago, is precariously placed at the top of the first division at the halfway stage, but in serious danger of going bankrupt with \$3 million.

The club was "closed" for a time in 1976 by the Chilean Mortgage Bank due to financial difficulties.



Daniel Passarella (centre) of River Plate and Argentina heads clear in a league game against Independiente.

ALONSO INSPIRES RIVER PLATE TO CHAMPIONSHIP

RIVER PLATE left no doubts when they wrapped up their 15th Argentine First Division title (previous wins 75/77) with a 5-1 second leg final win over Velez Sarsfield and fittingly it was midfielder Norberto Alonso, again their outstanding player throughout the championship, who put up another fine performance.

Alonso, who was also River Plate outstanding player in 1975, when they broke an 18-year lean spell to win both the first division and national titles — so much so that the fans called him Mr. Champion — also finished up as the team's top scorer with eight goals, most of them vital.

The young Velez Sarsfield team, which reached the final with a 10-game unbeaten run, virtually lost the title in the first leg at home when, while trying to go all out to attack — which is not their style — two defensive mistakes cost them the goals in their 2-0 defeat.

Not being an attacking team, it never seemed likely that they would score twice in the away leg without letting in River and their

all-out attack at the start showed up their shortcomings in this respect. In the first leg, and in the early stages of the second, River Plate also showed that in spite of coach Labruna often repeating that "the only way we play is attack", they are not so attack-minded or lax in defence as they were and are still made out to be.

As Velez attacked, they again left loopholes and Alonso found one to put River on their way to an easy win with a 13-minute goal. There is no doubt that River Plate have enough skillful players (including World Cup men Fillol, Passarella, Alonso and Luque — winger Ortiz is ill) to beat rivals by their individual skill . . . and here they scored over Velez also, because the latter's "pressing" loses effect against rivals two can outplay you individually.

And River Plate's controversial and often run-down Angel Labruna, must also have had something to do with it. Of the club's 15 titles, he helped to win nine as a player and four as a coach, which makes him a legend in history of the club, and he has done it again this year in a club where some of the many factions continually want to throw him out, where the players must also be unsettled by constant transfer talk and contract terms haggling which goes on for most of the season and where a number of them have the dual responsibility and extra work of also playing in the national team.

Internationals: Greece beats Russia

SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (Copa America)

VENEZUELA 1 (0) 1 (Caracas)

CHILE (0) 1 (Venezuela)

Venezuela: Vega, Contreras,

Castro, Vidal, Campos, Sanchez,

Menendez, Paez, Carpio, Zamora, Lopez (captain), Perez (Guanartene), Gómez, Soto, Valenzuela, Escobar, Rivas, Quiroz, Díaz, De Nira, Yanez, Peredo, Velti. (Referee: Cesar Gavira, Peru).

COLOMBIA 1 (CHILE 0)

Group 1 Standings

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Chile 2 1 1 1 2 1

Group 2 Standings

BOLIVIA 1 (2) (Argentines 2)

BRAZIL 1 (1) (Roberto pen.)

Brazil: Gilmer, Vargas, Vacca, Espinoza, del Llano, Angulo, Valdivieso, Roberto (Penalty), Reinaldo, Aguilar, Brazil: Leo, Junior, Caprigiani, Renato (Zenon), Milton, Eddino, Leon, Tonino, Carpegiani (Falcao), Batista, Zico, Tita, Socrates, Ze Sergio. (Referee: Roque Cordero, Uruguay).

Final group standings

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BRAZIL 1 (1) (Roberto pen.)

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Final group standings

P BRAZIL 2 (URUGUAY 2 CHILE 1)

Group 3 Standings

P BRAZIL 0 (1) (Venezuela 0)

Venezuela 0 (1) (Bolivia 0)

Bolivia 0 (1) (Argentina 0)

Argentina 0 (2) (Passarella, Diaz, Velti).

Final group standings

P BRAZIL 2 (Uruguay 1)

Uruguay 1 (2) (Argentina 1)

Argentina 1 (2) (Brazil 1)

Bolivia 0 (1) (Venezuela 0)

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Sponsor to cover air fare rise in 16-team PSL?

The Philips League supports the proposal to increase the PSL to 16 next season, provided extra sponsorship is found to cover part of the increased air fares, league chairman Sam Papasavas said this week.

Sydney Olympic and Wollongong are spearheading the move to increase the league.

Both failed in their applications to be included in a 14-team league, so they are seeking re-admission to the PSL.

"We support the proposal, but two extra teams would add \$100,000 onto the air fares," Mr. Papasavas said.

"The league clubs agreed to cover the cost of adding Sydney Olympic, and I presume they will stick to that agreement. However, sponsorship would have to be found to pay for the remaining increase."

"Perhaps Philips Industries would chip in a little more."

TOP COACH ARRIVES

Les Shannon arrives from overseas this morning (Wednesday) for talks about the West Adelaide coaching position.

Shannon had great success as coach of PAOK Salonica in Greece. He also had a short stint with Olympiakos.

Tom Forde, who coached West Adelaide this year, has resigned.

Applicants for the position include former West Adelaide player and coach Billy Birch and Jim Adam who coached West to the PSL title last year.

THE VICTORIAN TEAM WEARS UHLSPORT



Sam Papasavas

The proposal for an enlarged league will be discussed by the Australian Soccer Federation executive within the next few years.

Mr. Papasavas will relinquish the league chairmanship this year and will not stand for a position on the league committee.

"The way the league is set up, it doesn't matter whether we have a committee or not," he said.

"Unless the league gets constitutional status, the ASF may just as well run the league itself. We have no power to do it under the present arrangements."

Sydney Olympic has sent a 30-page submission to the Australian Soccer Federation seeking re-admission to the PSL.

Olympic, rocked by their relegation two weeks ago to the NSW State League, engaged management consultants W.D. Scott and Co. to prepare the submission.

It includes letters of support from the PSL Council of Clubs and the Mayor of Ashfield, Ald Louis Herremans, and says that Olympic will have "one of Australia's top three coaches

in 1980 who will raise the skills of the team members and improve the quality of play."

Brian Le Fevre, general secretary of the ASF, said that, although he had only had time to "browse" through the submission, it "appears to be a well-documented proposal."

"In due course we will be circulating it to ASF executive members to study. Later they may be asked to consider what Sydney Olympic are asking," Mr. Le Fevre said.

"I would not be surprised if there was a special executive meeting in November some time."

It could not be held sooner because Sir Arthur George, the ASF president, would be overseas until October 28, Mr. Le Fevre said. A special meeting also would consider Wollongong's appeal for admission to the PSL.

Sydney Olympic is even prepared to change its name to Ashfield Olympians to attract a wider base of support than its traditional Greek following.

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Relegation decision shocks ACT

By

DEREK PEACHEY

The Australian Soccer Federation's decision to promote little-known Blacktown City to the Philips Soccer League has left the Australian Capital Territory's PSL fans completely stunned.

In truth, the decision has done nothing to improve the credibility of either the PSL or ASF committee in the eyes of some of the PSL's most ardent supporters and could have a detrimental effect on next year's following in the ACT.

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ITALIAN CUP KICKS OFF

The Italian Cup, Australia's biggest Italian soccer tournament, will kick off at Partridge Reserve, Thomastown, this Saturday, October 27.

This year's competition is sponsored by the Italian Consul General, and will see 20 teams fighting for the prestigious trophy over eight weeks, with the final on Sunday, December 16.

The format for this season's Italian Cup has been changed in many ways. The number of teams competing has been increased from 16 to 20, and these teams will be divided into five groups.

The winner of each group, plus the best second-placed team (decided on goal difference and points), will qualify for the final round.

There will be a play off of other second-placed teams to find two more teams to move into the second round, leaving eight teams altogether in the final stages.

Eight of the teams eliminated will take part in a consolation tournament. This unusual innovation was introduced to give lower teams, condemned to early elimination in the past, a chance of playing for a trophy against teams of similar ability.

The Italian Cup will go to country centres this year for two Sundays to promote soccer.

The venues are Morwell (November 4) and Shepparton (November 18). This will give

Italians in these areas to see Melbourne's top Italian team — Juventus.

The games at Morwell will be — Morwell Falcons v. Yarralane, Juventus v. Thomas Town, the games at Shepparton will be — Tatara v. Yarralane, Juventus v. Shepparton South.

The organisers have made sure the Italian Cup remains a family occasion by keeping admission prices to \$1 for adults (children admitted free). A percentage of the profit will be donated to the G. Vaccari Village for the aged.

The teams taking part are: Juventus, Morwell Falcons, Fawkner, East Brunswick, East Carlton, Central Brunswick, Thomastown, Shepparton South, Tatara, Bulleen, Regent, Batman Utd., Essendon Old Boys, Werribee, Lalor City, Macleod Utd., Ascot Vale, Mooronee Ponds, Vermont and Yarralane.

The games this Saturday are: 12.30 p.m. Fawkner v. Vermont, 2 p.m. Shepparton South v. Thomastown, 3.30 p.m. East Brunswick v. Tatara.

The competition will be played under VSF rules.

NEWCASTLE PLEADS WITH CURRAN: 'DON'T QUIT, YET'

By JACK MATTHEWS

Newcastle KB United Club is to make strong efforts to induce Col Curran to play for it for at least one more season.

The club team's manager-coach, Alan Vest, is particularly keen that Curran postpone his suggested retirement.

"We want him, particularly

for what will probably be our most important season in 1980," said Vest before he left last week for England in a bid to sign two former internationals.

"He played much magnificent football last season, gave KB a touch of class, and provided us with the experience which did so much to take the team into fifth place on the points score table."

"Col was, apart from his great individual play as a defender and his goal-scoring, a magnificent example to the younger players whom he encouraged and helped to a degree few realised. But I knew and appreciated what he did. He is always superbly fit and I've no doubt he will continue to be a top player for a few seasons yet."

Curran, who was good enough to play for Australia in New Zealand in the season just ended, has been a top division player with Adamstown Rose-



Col Curran

buds, Western Suburbs (Sydney) and KB United for 14 seasons, as well as being, for a long time, almost a permanent fixture in Australian teams. But he told KB United Club officials at the end of the 1978 season that he was not keen to play in 1980.

He said he expected big things from Malcolm McClelland next season because, like several others, he has "tremendous potential".

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goalkeeper, Brett Beves, who was, earlier this year, named as the outstanding prospect and player in the Australian Youth Championship series in Brisbane.

He has been given letters of recommendation by the Newcastle KB United team manager-coach, Alan Vest, who highly rated Beves' abilities.

He is on his way almost immediately and, from letters he has received, his settling in well and has hopes of staying in England.

He is following in the footsteps of his father, Uro Milosevic, who came to Australia from Yugoslavia where he played for several seasons with Partisan Belgrade. He played with the Belgrade team in Adelaide and with Footscray in Melbourne before moving to Newcastle.

His son played with junior teams at Kotara and Adamstown before joining the Newcastle Austral team. He moved from that club into KB United's Youth team in 1978.

He represented Northern NSW in the Australian Under-16 championship series and played with New Lambton in the Tasman Cup competition which attracts teams from the majority of high schools in NSW.

In his last letter, the lad told of the rigorous training schedules and that he has played in several youth league fixtures. He has hopes of being asked to stay in England.

Beves also has received invitations to have trials with Tottenham Hotspur, Coventry City, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Bristol City.

He has been greatly encouraged and helped by former international, Ray Baartz, and received financial assistance from Walslens Soccer Club, with which he played, and Mr Barry Drinkwater, a keen Soccer reporter, who considers that Beves is so highly skilled that he deserves his chance to do well in English football.

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21. Les Scheinfug (Marconi).
19. Horst Schneider (Auburn).
Streten Ralifan (Yugoslavia).
John McGunnagh (South Coast).
18. John Roche (Marconi).
George).

1971

31. John Watkins (Hakoah).
23. George Blues (APIA).
22. Jack Trkuja (Yugoslavia).
21. George McCulloch (Pan Hellenic).
23. Jimmy Rooney (APIA).
Jack Trkuja (Yugoslavia).
21. Terry Butler (APIA).
20. Les Hucker (Auburn).
16. John Dayle (Croatia).

1972

30. Manfred Schofer (St. George).
28. Col Bennett (Sutherland).
21. George McCulloch (Pan Hellenic).
23. Jimmy Rooney (APIA).
Jack Trkuja (Yugoslavia).
21. Terry Butler (APIA).
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1973

30. John McDonald (Auburn).
26. Billy Vojtek (Croatia).
25. Johnny Warren (St. George).
19. Peter Wilson (Safeway Ltd.).
Jimmy Rooney (APIA).
16. John Dayle (Croatia).

1974

19. Mike Trebilcock (West Subs) won on countback from...
Allan Maher (Sutherland).
21. Jimmy Rooney (APIA).
Maurice Sullivan (Croatia).
17. Peter Olerton (APIA).
Col Currie (West Subs).
16. Jimmy Rooney (APIA).

1975

26. John McDonald (Sutherland).
22. Malcolm Hayes (Sutherland).
18. Les Hucker (Auburn).
17. Peter Olerton (APIA).
Col Currie (West Subs).
20. Harry Williams (St. George).
16. Jimmy Rooney (APIA).

1976

32. Bruce Stowell (Pan Hellanic).
26. Doug Utješević (St. George).
25. Phil Abonyi (Wellington C.J.).
19. Alex Gray (Avalo).
18. Craig Hall (Sutherland).
17. Bobby Russell (Croatia).

1977

27. Terry Butler (APIA) won on countback from...
Alan Benthead (Armidale Scots).
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1978

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PSL like bottom of English 2nd division: Hardaker

By BRUCE WADDELL

The name Alan Hardaker has been synonymous with English football for the last 28 years, with 20 of them spent as the Football League's secretary and the past two as its director-general.

Mr Hardaker was in Brisbane last week near the end of an Australian tour sponsored by Socceroos, and he had been in the country long enough to make a few observations about the game here.

Without wishing to seem presumptuous after so short a stay, Mr Hardaker could see two major problems associated with Soccer in Australia.

The first was the enormous size of the country, but that in itself made it even more amazing that a competition like the Philips League had been introduced.

He cited the second as what he termed the "ethnic problem", in that some matches in the south did not seem to attract many people outside the nationalities the particular clubs represented.

"I watched the Marconi-Heidelberg match in Sydney at the weekend, and I could have been somewhere in Italy. Football must appeal to a much broader base."

"But after criticising, I must also praise, and can see fabulous potential for the game here."

He said the organisation of the game generally could be seen as difficult to co-ordinate because of the State Federations system, but again this was connected to the wide-spread area under the control of the ASF.

"But if all bodies work together, there's no reason why the game won't continue to flourish. It seems the Philips League at the moment is experiencing the same growing pains the English League underwent 60 years ago."

Mr Hardaker played for a Royal Navy team in Sydney during the war years and said judging standards always was a risky business. "Certainly the standard had not declined since then."

The Marconi-Heidelberg match and the State League game in Melbourne between Essendon Croatia and Preston Makedonia resulted to the bottom half of the English Second Division.

He applauded the ASF's stated policy of restricting overseas imports.

"You have a tremendous base for progress here, through what I'm told are thousands of youngsters playing the game."

He said Soccer in the United States was built almost entirely on overseas players, and the picture was not as rosy as painted, with only about four of the well-known clubs regarded as really successful.

Mr Hardaker did not want to comment on the importation of overseas coaches in recent years, two of them from England, to lead the World Cup campaigns.

His only comments were that a coach is only as good as the players he has under him and that he felt footballers everywhere in the world were now overcooked.

Asked about the recent decision to relegate Sydney Olympic from the Philips League, Mr Hardaker said he "raised his eyebrows" when he heard the club had been demoted by the Australian Soccer Federation executive committee.

"If the same thing happened in England, the clubs would revolt. Surely the



Alan Hardaker, director-general of the English Football League.

clubs themselves should decide who plays in their own competition. The English clubs make that decision when teams apply or re-apply to join the Fourth Division."

Concerning English football, Mr Hardaker said the much-reported crowd violence angle was not, contrary to public belief, the FA's biggest problem.

"The hooligans who cause trouble in the streets are not club supporters and TV stations are obsessed with focussing on a fight on the terraces when a game is in progress. That happens anywhere and is now even becoming commonplace at some of the big cricket matches."

He agreed the spiralling transfer fees were a matter of concern, but would be involved in steps upon his return to prevent the situation getting completely out of hand.

Steps have already been taken to halt the flood of British players going to the United States on loan arrangements during the off-season.

Regarding the proposed international in Sydney next year in June to mark the centenary of Australian Soccer, Mr Hardaker said he could neither confirm nor deny that it would be a full international.

"But if England qualifies, we will be involved in the European Nations Tournament in Rome in June and I would not see a full England team coming to Australia first. But again I stress that I am not certain what will happen."

Mr Hardaker was to spend a few days on Queensland's Lindeman Island on the barrier reef before returning home. His tip for the English championship: "Between three clubs, Notts Forest, Manchester United and Liverpool."

When asked if he had a favourite team in the League he replied: "92 of them."



Alan Lee of Bankstown, accepts the 1979 NSW Rothmans Medal; at left is NSW Federation president Karl Rodny.

Rothmans record broken by Lee

John Lee of Bankstown won the 1979 NSW Rothmans Medal with a record votes total of 36. The previous highest total was that of Bruce Stowell in 1976. Stowell, of Pan Hellenic, polled 32 votes.

The biggest winning margin was that of John Watkiss (Hakoah) in 1971.

Watkiss, with 31 points, beat runner-up Archie Blue (APIA) by eight points.

Winners and leading vote-getters over the years are pictured above.

1979

36. Alan Lee (Bankstown)
33. John McDonald (Auburn)
32. Walter Valeri (Inter-Monaro)
25. David Jack (Manly)
22. Don Allan (Melita Eagles)
21. Attila Abonyi (Croatia).

Women off to NZ

The Australian women's soccer side has accepted an invitation to tour New Zealand in August, 1980 for a three international series.

The Australians started slowly, but they gradually got their game together.

The only score came in the second half from a corner by right winger, Sharon Loveless in the ninth minute.

Striker, Diana Hall, gathered the ball and thumped it past Kiwi custodian, Joanne Nicholson.

Scores: Australia 1 (Diana Hall) New Zealand 0.

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Terry Luckhurst (right) in the colors of Juventus, challenges the South Melbourne Hellas goalkeeper during a State League match in the mid-sixties.

Abonyi to play in Luckhurst benefit game

Sydney Croatian player-coach Attila Abonyi will fly to Melville to play in an all-star benefit match for former Juventus and Ringwood-Wilhelmina star Terry Luckhurst on November 18.

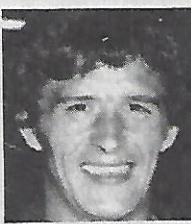
Luckhurst has a rare disease called motor neurone, which has made him invalid.

Proceeds from the match, to be played at Connor Reserve, Reservoir, will go to Terry, his wife and two children.

The game will pit an all-star eleven against Makedonia of the Victorian State League.

Former Wilhelmina star Dave Pygall, who is helping to arrange the match, says the all-stars will include: Pat Bannon, Peter Olerton, Alun Evans, Branko Buljevic, Jack Reilly and Abonyi.

Pygall said he hoped also to include Joe Picioane, Jim



Kondaros, Alan Davidson, Peter Laumets, Jim Campbell and John Yzendoorn.

Not easy being clean

Coleridge Amateur Football Club of Cambridge, described as the cleanest soccer club in Britain, had a dinner recently to celebrate 25 years without a single player being cautioned, sent off or disciplined.

Police constable Jim Turney, midfield player and captain, said that one or two other teams had gone out of their way to "dish out the treatment" knowing that there would be no retaliation.

"In one game last season one team deliberately provoked and quite deliberately we did nothing about it. But more often the other team knows it is not going to get any nasty stuff or abuse, and does not give us any."



The New York Cosmos home ground is the Giants Stadium in Meadowlands. It's part of a \$340 million sports complex developed by the New Jersey Sports Authority.

Giants Stadium fit for a king

A trip to a Cosmos home game is a must for all Australian soccer fans should they be visiting the United States.

I was fortunate enough to take two young Australian lads to see the Cosmos play at the fabulous Giants Stadium in New York recently. The Giants Stadium, home of the Cosmos, is the newest and finest arena of its kind in America.

It is part of the Meadowlands Sports Complex which also includes the 30,000 capacity Meadowlands Race-track, used for the thoroughbred racing.

The Sports Complex is owned and operated by the New Jersey Sports Authority which acquired and developed the 588 acre site at a cost of approximately \$340 million dollars.

The entire cost of the magnificent complex was financed through the sale of bonds to private institutions and individuals with the bonds to be redeemed with the proceeds of the operation of complex facilities.

An attractive feature for spectators is that the stadium has been designed to provide every seat with an unobstructed view of the entire playing field.

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Whilst the Cosmos are the shining light of the North American Soccer League with their fabulous team, home ground, undeniably professional administrative and promotional staff and incredible and home crowd (almost 50,000) other areas in the NASL are also enjoying the benefits of the soccer boom across the continent.

Tennis ace John Newcombe and his wife Angie have been two of the first buyers of tickets for the Cosmos' Australian at the Sydney showground on Wednesday October 24.

German born Angie Newcombe is naturally enough a Beckenbauer but her husband John, who has many business commitments in New York is a Cosmos fan.

The Newcombes are just two of the many sporting personalities who will be at the Showground on the 24th.

TRAINING - THE COSMOS WAY

New York Cosmos midfielder Johan Neeskens made an amazing recovery from an ankle injury to play in last Sunday's game against Victoria.

Neeskens twisted his ankle on Saturday during training and immediately limped off the Olympic Park field.

His badly swollen ankle was strapped and an ice pack placed on the injured area. At

that stage, Neeskens had little hope of playing in the game.

However, the swelling went down and Neeskens decided to play, despite the ankle still being sore. To score two goals with an injured ankle shows the class of this man.

The Cosmos trained for about 1½ hours on Saturday, showing off some spectacular skills.

Coach Julio Mezzei addressed his players for some 10 minutes before they started the session.

The first exercise was a "keeping off" game involving nine players. Seven players

formed a circle and tried to keep possession from two players in the middle.

To make things interesting, the players trying to keep possession were allowed only one touch of the ball. During this exercise, players like Beckenbauer, Bogovic, Tureart and Alberto showed some amazing ball control.

It was noticeable that the players in the circle work rarely spoke to each other to give instructions or call for the ball.

After about 35 minutes, coach Mezzei called his squad into a group in the centre of

the field. The players then ran a few laps, increasing the pace at times and then slowing to a jog.

Wim Rijssbergen, who had been involved in the circle work, ran slow laps on his own while the other players worked up a sweat. Rijssbergen is recovering from an Achilles tendon injury.

The goalkeepers were rested during this running, as they were working hard on their own way in the session.

Giorgio Chinaglia took the group for some stretching exercises aimed to warm up the players' leg muscles before shooting practice started.

Shooting practice saw the goalkeepers back in action. The exercise devised by Mezzei went like this: a group of players was stationed near the half-line. One player at a time would chip the ball to Beckenbauer or Alberto, who were standing on the edge of the penalty area.

Beckenbauer and Alberto were knocked the ball back into the path of the oncoming players who shot at goal from about 20-25 metres.

Later, the exercise was changed slightly so that the players shooting had to hit the ball on the volley.

Neeskens injured his ankle during shooting practice.

Mezzei then instructed his players to get into groups of two. These groups would move one at a time down the wing, with the players interchanging passes.

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English soccer could learn from U.S., says Dennis Tueart

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Dennis Tueart's last noticeable tie with England are perhaps his habit of drinking tea in the traditional and proper way, and his Geordie accent, which has been refined somewhat since he left the rough and tumble city of Newcastle for a life with soccer's elite.

Tueart, the English international winger of the New York Cosmos, has no regrets about leaving his homeland and is cynical about the future of English soccer, the game which took him around the traps for about nine years with Sunderland and Manchester City.

At the same time, he's quick to sing the praises of America's soccer and the U.S. as the place he will perhaps make his permanent home.

I caught up with Tueart at the President Motor Inn last Saturday, as the glittering Cosmos party relaxed after a hectic schedule of 11 games in five weeks.

Tueart is only one of many big names in the New York Cosmos team. Many people imagine the clash of egos would tear the team apart and Tueart has an interesting comment on that.

"The team isn't divided up by personality clashes, as many people think," said Tueart, "but it's true a player's personality isn't looked into when he's bought by the Cosmos. The marketing people need a 'name' to sell to the public and whether a player fits in or not is secondary."

Tueart, who has a sharp tongue to deliver his humour, isn't exactly thrilled to be on tour.

"Tours are a bitch," said Tueart, "but I've got to put up with it. I'm a professional and bound by contract to go on tour with the Cosmos, so there's nothing I can do about it."

"Because of what the Cosmos are today, we tour twice a year; once before the season and once after, and that's a big strain."

The tours are probably the only thing Tueart dislikes about the Cosmos. Not so with English soccer.

"There's a lot of dead wood in English soccer people who are just in for a hobby," said Tueart. "Most of the administrators are stuck in their ways. They will not try anything to change the game in England."

The problem is marketing. The men at the top don't want to sell the game and they are paying the players too much, people went to soccer in England out of habit. Now, soccer followers have other interests, but nothing is being done to encourage them to stay with soccer.

Lack of crowds and the general economic climate means many English clubs struggle to make ends meet.

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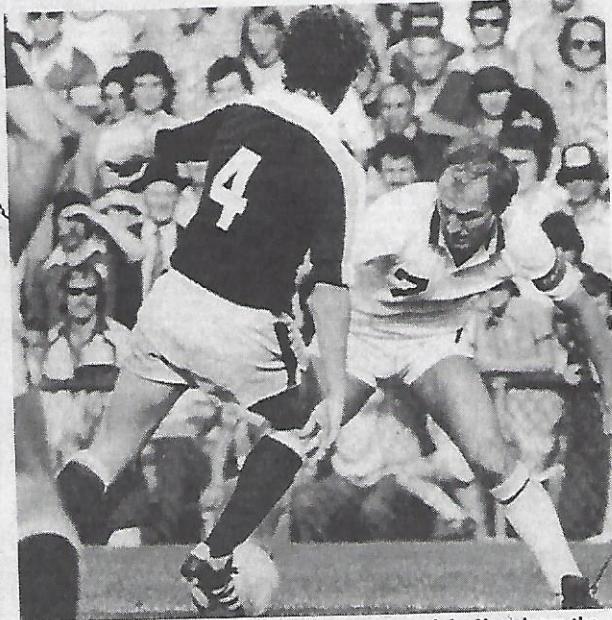
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Dennis Tueart tries to send Victorian sweeper John Yendoorn the wrong way with a body feint in last Sunday's match at Olympic Park.

Picture by LES SHORROCK.

"Astroturf also allows clubs to put on a show before the game without damaging the playing surface, and even play a curtain-raiser."

Tueart was quick to add that artificial surfaces have drawbacks.

"The ball bounces much higher on Astro turf than on grass," said Tueart, "and players can't slide tackles for fear of burning their legs."

The conversation was interrupted and a hotel waiter arrived with refreshments. The tray was placed on the table and Dave Garthwaite, the Preston Makedonia defender who was sitting in on the conversation, began to pour the tea.

Tueart watched with disbelief as Garthwaite poured the tea into an empty cup.

"Are you English?" snapped Tueart.

"Yes," answered Garthwaite in a curious tone.

"Well, if you are English you put the milk in first and then pour the tea," explained Tueart.

"I'm English, but I put the milk in last," said Garthwaite defiantly. The discussion faded, but clearly Tueart is adamant that tea should be poured the "right" way.

The topic switched again as Andranik Eskandarian walked into the room. The Iranian star gestured to Tueart in broken English. Tueart signed an autograph for a friend of Eskandarian, and then returned to his seat.

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"Of course, marketing has been vital. The game had to be sold to the American people to get it off the ground and to win supporters from other sports."

Marketing has established support for the game and now the stage is set for new developments in the area of youth soccer, and the U.S. national team."

"If the U.S. is to make an impact in Olympic Games and World Cup competitions, the coaching in high schools must improve. This will come in time as soccer continues to grow, but it's an area that needs improvement," he said.

"It will be 10 to 12 years before the U.S. has a good national team. That's not to say the country will not qualify for the World Cup or the Olympic Games because the Americans are in a group which gives a fair chance of qualifying."

At that moment, Greg Ryan walked past. Ryan is an American-born defender of the Cosmos.

"Take Ryan for example," said Tueart. "He taught himself how to play soccer out of a book. I'm not joking. He had no coaching at all when he was a kid. There are teenagers now wanting to learn about soccer but the quality coaches aren't there to help them."

Tueart was still coaching himself.

"After every game he writes notes on his performance," said Tueart. "He'll note his mistakes and why they happened, which is helping him gain."

Tueart, in fact, was still going to the Cosmos.

"He used to play with Tulloch," said Tueart. "He marked me all the games and I scored a goal in each game and punched him in the mouth once. But he did a good job, and I recommended him to the management."

"We were short of full backs at the time, and so Ryan was bought. There was no trouble with the transfer, because the Cosmos get who the Cosmos want."

Tueart said he wasn't entirely happy with the coaching situation at Cosmos.

"I've got no complaints about any individual," said Dennis, "but I would like to see the coaching a bit more positive."

Tueart has a year to run on his present contract, and is likely to sign a new three-year agreement.

"Playing for the Cosmos gives me financial security," said Tueart, "and I'm happy with American living standards."

"I've always said I'll retire when I'm 33 which gives me another four years of playing. After that, I don't know what I'll do."

A special thanks to Pat Lowrey of Croydon who arranged for "Soccer Action" to talk to Dennis Tueart.

Frankston City and Heidelberg Utd will be remembered as the most unlucky Victorian clubs of 1979. Both clubs finished second in their respective leagues — the State League and the Philips League — but failed to win a trophy, which would have been just reward for their efforts. Kyle Patterson talked to the coaches — Fred Bunce of Frankston and Manny Poulikakis of Heidelberg.



Heidelberg coach Manny Poulikakis.

FUTURE OF BANNON, BULJEVIC IN DOUBT



Heidelberg captain Pat Bannon — will he continue next season?

Heidelberg Utd coach Manny Poulikakis will use reserve players Mike Micevski, Andy Bozikas and Charlie Yankos to re-build his team, which may lose three key players.

Poulikakis, who is sure to be reappointed as coach after lifting Heidelberg into second place, believes his team can once again challenge for the championship without adding to its present squad of players.

The re-building crisis arises because midfielder Ken Taylor is returning to Scotland permanently, and the future of Pat Bannon and Branko Buljevic is uncertain.

Bannon is not sure whether he will stay in PSL soccer next year and Buljevic is rumored to be interested in joining Hellas.

"I know Micevski, Bozikas and Yankos have the ability to be top PSL players," said Manny, "and they are



Branko Buljevic — rumored to be interested in joining South Melbourne Hellas.

ready-made replacements if we lose some players.

"Of course, every coach would like to buy players to boost his team. A coach should never be totally happy with his side, as every individual can improve."

"Heidelberg has a special problem next season, because the Club will put a lot of effort into developing our new home ground at the Olympic Village in Heidelberg. The club can't spend large amounts of money on players when a grandstand is top priority."

Heidelberg will play its home games at the Olympic Village ground next year. The club spent \$45,000 in transfers in 1979, but a similar outlay in 1980 wouldn't be possible under the burden of improving the new ground.

However, Manny is quick to point out the attributes of his reserves.

"I have known Mike Micevski since he was 15 and his ability has never been in question," said Manny. "Heidelberg supporters are yet to see the best of him."

"This season he struggled because of a chipped bone in his ankle. It severely restricted him kicking the ball and running at top pace but he tried to continue training. Finally,

he had to have an operation in June."

"He will be fit for next season, and I'm confident he'll be a regular in the team. He could replace Taylor, or perhaps will be a forward if Buljevic doesn't continue."

Yankos, a Victoria youth and Australian schoolboys representative, has been kept in the Second Division team because of the fine form of full backs Arthur McMillan and Jim Tansey.

"Yankos is a versatile player," said Poulikakis. "He can play midfield, full back and centre half. I think centre half will be his best position once he matures."

"But you can't expect a young, inexperienced player to hold down a midfield or central defensive position in a PSL team. Full back is the best place for him to start in the senior team, so he can gain experience without having great pressure on him."

Unfortunately, McMillan and Tansey were in excellent form this season. Charlie was unlucky not to get more games. He had a very successful debut at right back against Sydney City, and was selected in the opening 11 for the next game against Marconi in Sydney.

"However, he's still a student and his studies prevented him from



Andy Bozikas — looked upon to fill one of the gaps should Heidelberg lose any players.

going to Sydney. I feel sorry for him, because after that game the team was in top form and he didn't get another chance."

Bozikas was sidelined for most of the season for the same reasons as Yankos.

"Andy made appearances as a substitute, but couldn't break into the team," said Manny. "But with an extended run in the senior side, he'd hit top form again."

Poulikakis took over from Margaritis after seven games and his arrival coincided with a great improvement in Heidelberg's performances. Still, Poulikakis will not apply for the coaching position.

"On principle, I never apply for any coaching job," said Manny. "The Club must make the first move and as a professional I will consider the invitation."

I'm willing to continue as coach, but as yet nothing has been said to me."

Poulikakis added that hardly anyone had praised him for lifting Heidelberg up the ladder. "I'm not looking for headlines but I think it's strange when nobody recognises a coach's effort in a top team."

But Poulikakis is realistic enough to know that the players themselves deserve considerable praise for their efforts.

"I'm not joking when I say they did the impossible," said Manny. "The PSL is very competitive and to finish second after a slow start is a magnificent achievement."

"Luckily, we have players who can turn defeat into victory. I'll mention Jim Tansey, Jimmy Rooney and Pat Bannon because they never give up. Their endeavour and leadership can inspire the team to fight on, regardless of the score."

Manny said every player at Heidelberg deserved to be congratulated.

"The players endured great pressure, sometimes playing three games in eight days, but still responded to every



Charlie Yankos, State youth representative. He's on the verge of breaking into the senior team.

challenge. In my opinion, they are very professional in their approach."

"However, Tansey, Rooney and Gary Cole now face problems. They have had a heavy schedule with Heidelberg and Victoria, and are off to Asia with the Australian team."

"They will have very little rest after returning, because the Ampol Cup starts in late January. I will have to make sure they don't get stale after so much soccer."

Finally, I asked Poulikakis which player he would like to bring to Heidelberg.

"Tony Henderson of Marconi is an excellent player, and I would like to have him for my team," said Manny. "Every team needs a ball-winner in midfield, and Henderson can fill this role, as well as being creative and capable of scoring goals."

"He's an ideal replacement for Ken Taylor."

"My main task when I joined the club was to make the players realise that it was team effort that won games," said Manny. "Individual skill is important but the most vital ingredient is teamwork."



Mike Micevski, former star of Altona City, Hakoah-St Kilda and Marconi, may return to regular senior soccer with Heidelberg next year after two seasons as a substitute.

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U prvom poluvremenu, narocito prvih 10 minuta, Cosmos je udioveo, ali i razočarao publiku. Majstorski je stvorio dve tri zlatne sanse,

koji nije imao da iskoristi. Da se takve sanse imali! Cole, Paton, Cummings i Pidcock, lopta bi sigurno bila u mreži. Ali ipak, bilo je zadovoljstvo gledati ovu utakmicu, jer je bila otvorena, revnopravna i na zavidnoj tehničkoj visini.

Očekivala se rekordna posećnost, sto nije ostvareno, ali je bruto prihod bio sigurno cifren. Sto je finansijski rekord svih vremena, koji dug neće biti nadmašen. Po skromnoj proceni, na stadionu je bilo preko 22.000 ljudi gledalaca, među njima dosta nezaposlenih, dece i pretežnica, koji su placili ulaznicu svega jedan dinar.

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Rapid's year!

Rapid Wrest Point has won the Tasmanian State League by four points. It also won the Ampol Cup and was runner-up in the Cadbury Jubilee, losing this one on penalties after extra time.

The Rapid squad is: 13 P. Kanneggerisser, 2 H. Stewart, 3 C. Wilcock, 4 John Dilba, 5 T. Wilson (capt), 6 O. Moore, 7 D. Blake, 8 S. Kanneggerisser, 9 D. Farinery, 11 Jack Dilba, 12 P. Marlor, 13 E. Evans, 14 P. Thompson, 15 B. Cengla, 16 G. Schmull, Senior medical officer: B. Evans, First Aid: A. McDermott and E. Kent, team manager: R. Stoneman.

Rapid's success was due to a good coach, Ken Morton, who holds a senior F.A. coaching badge. He played for Manchester United, Blackpool, York City and in N.Z. and W.A.

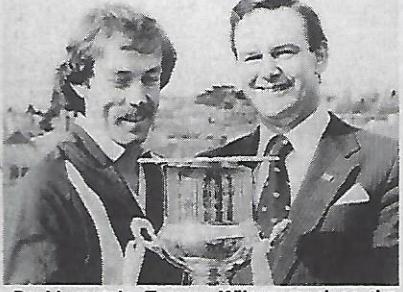
Players to stand out were goalkeeper Phillip Kanneggerisser, sweeper John Dilba and captain Tommy Wilson.

Dale Blake, a young winger, has Phillips League potential. Stephen Kanneggerisser, a tall ball-moving midfield and Don Farinery scored 26 goals.

Rapid resumes training at the beginning of November and already has recruited the new players required.

The club is determined to do well in the Philips Cup next year and hopes to entertain Wacker 04 of West Germany on Jan 7 or 8.

Rapid certainly is a go ahead club trying to put Tasmanian soccer on the map.



Rapid captain Tommy Wilson receives the Tasmanian State League trophy from Mr. Michael Hodgman MHR.



Dale Blake (right) of Rapid Wrest Point, in action against Marco Genaris of Olympia. — "Mercury" photos.



Kyneton undefeated

Kyneton United had a successful season in the Bendigo League (Vic), winning the senior and reserves championships without dropping a point.

The seniors scored 58 goals to 5 in the league and also won the President's Cup, League Cup and the Bendigo Cup.

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Photographer LES SHORROCK was at the first session (above).



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analyses two of Australia's soccer giants, RALE RASIC and STEVE PERRY...

He's from the same mould as Berti Vogts



• Steve Perry

Steve Perry is one of the surprises in a squad of surprises to tour China next month.

Since national coach Rudi Gutendorf entered the Australian soccer scene at the start of this year, Perry's name has not been mentioned as a national team contender.

Probably the main reason for this is that Steve Perry predominantly is a defender who defends well, but attacks not as well.

This did not seem to be the type of player Gutendorf was seeking.

I probably know more than most about Steve Perry's capabilities, as it was I who discovered him at 15 playing in a junior game, on the very day that I first saw Mark Jankovic at 14 also playing in a junior game. What a golden day that was.

I invited both players to join me at Sutherland.

I put Perry into the Sutherland first team at right back at 16 (subsequently I put Jankovic into the St George first team at 17).

Perry and Jankovic had (and still have) two things in common.

Both are tremendously fast and totally dedicated.

It was this, plus Jankovic's goal touch which prompted me to predict that both of them would play for Australia.

Steve Perry is so quick and jockeys so well that no player in this country can consistently beat him.

Indeed such was my confidence in this part of his game that I doubted if even top overseas strikers would be able to consistently take him on and beat him.

This confidence was born out in a game in 1974 between NSW and Birmingham City when Perry played left back and contained Trevor Francis, the right winger who became England's first million dollar player when he joined Nottingham Forest this year.

When I left Sutherland to join St George the only reason I did not ask Perry to come with me was that George Harris was the right back of Saints.

Harris and Perry are similar in style, though Perry does not have quite the same aggression as Harris.

Harris is no stylist but is an underrated defender who you can always trust to contain his opponent.

Perry's fame since going to Brisbane has been assisted by the ratings of Soccer Action. Last season he was among the leaders in the

national ratings all year as he caught the eye as sweeper in a losing Brisbane City team.

This year he has been one of a Brisbane side which has been very hard to beat and his consistency in a solid defence won him the 'Soccer Action' rating as the best City player.

The weakness in Perry's game is when he takes possession of the ball.

He does not shine in inter-passing movements.

Neither is he effective when overlapping, mainly because his kicking technique is poorly developed as a boy and he does not cross the ball well.

This latter failing is symptomatic of the way bad coaching at junior level penalises players in this country when they reach the senior professional ranks — the theme of my recent article.

Boys like Perry, do not kick well for the same reasons, and both of them are proof that good or bad kicking technique is solidly ingrained by age 13, at latest.

However, fortunately for Perry and Bennett there is a place in top Soccer for outstanding defenders, as Manfred Schaefer proved against Gerd Mueller.

At international level there is a need for completely dependable markers to shackles the individual attacking genius which most national teams throw up.

Germany had its Berti Vogts, whose strengths and weaknesses are the strengths and weaknesses of Steve Perry.

It is interesting that Gutendorf has discarded Paul Degney because he says "he does not defend well enough."

This seems to be admission that Australia will not be able to attack every World Cup contender "out of sight."

This is the point I made in 'Soccer Action' earlier in the year when putting the case for the introduction of Ivo Priskalo, despite the fact that he is not a 'dynamic libero' in the Beckenbauer mould.

Perry, having made the squad, will not find it easy competing against Bob Russell of Adelaide City, a dynamic all-round full back whom I greatly respect.

However, for Perry to have made the squad is enormous credit to a dedicated professional and another boost to Brisbane soccer.

That is the supreme accolade for any coach - unmitigated praise from top people who have worked closely with him.

For my part I respect him as a complete professional. No one works harder at the game than he.

Without having quite the same information on accomplished coaches such as Gerry Chaldi, Alan Vest, Manny Poulaakis, Len McKendry, Les Scheinflug, Nereo Salitch and others and despite my regard for the tremendously accomplished Raul Blanco, I believe Rasic is currently our coaching supremo.

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Socceroos still part of Rasic's destiny

No-one can say that Rale Rasic does not deserve the Philips Cup success brought to him by his players at Adelaide City.

It is his first tangible reward for six years of unremitting drive in search of a major soccer trophy.

No-one seeks soccer success with greater intensity than Rasic.

It has been one of the reasons which have at times caused him to bend rules and ethics, brought scathing attacks on officialdom and produced various rumblings within the game about his methods.

It was this intense need to win which first brought me into conflict with him in 1973 when I coached St George Budapest against his Marconi team.

Marconi on Rasic's instructions went out to upset the skillful St George team with hard tackling but the hard stuff got out of hand.

St George's representative full back, Bobby Hoggs, had his leg broken, finishing a potentially outstanding international career, a Marconi player was sent off and despite a 5-0 win to Saints, the game left a bitter taste in the mouth and I clashed with Rasic at the finish.

I told him that as the then national coach he was setting a bad example to the soccer world.

That was six years ago.

This year the St George management asked me who I would recommend to take over from Joe Gelei to save the Saints from relegation.

I named Rale Rasic!

Rasic is a truly professional coach, with a deep knowledge of the basic elements of coaching-psychology, physical fitness, tactics and technique.

Some people who have worked with him surprised me by saying that he did not appear to have an outstanding grasp of some of the technical aspects of the game.

On the other hand, Jim Rooney and Raul Blanco, for whose capability I have enormous respect, both told me that Rasic is the master, excellent at reading a game and with a complete grasp of anything to do with Soccer.

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In years to come the record pages will not reveal the years of frustration during that period as he lost his national coaching job in a blaze of controversy, split with Hellenic with threats of court action and then took over in similarly controversial circumstances at Marconi where a new committee displaced Ray Richards and I installed Rasic in our place.

This fact with Marconi was to rear up again when after four years of slogging work success was only goal difference and penalties away.

Then disharmony in the Marconi camp caused things to break up right, left and centre and finally Rasic himself had to break with the club he had worked so hard to build into the super club of his ambitions.

The year 1979 will show "Adelaide City - Philips Cup winners" in the annals of Australia's soccer records as the only tangible evidence of what Rasic achieved during those stormy six years.

He has embarked on a new task of empire building in Adelaide where he hopes to take Adelaide City to the great heights which always proved just out of reach in Sydney.

The Philips Cup victory is perhaps a good omen for him.

During his early days in Sydney, at St George and during his first two-year stint with Marconi, there was often talk of "lucky Rasic", as he won some people did not think he deserved.

The same cannot be said of his last six years in soccer.

Adelaide City, ironically another Italian-based club, has the tradition and stability to sustain success.

Rasic himself seems to have mellowed somewhat.

It would be surprising if he was not wiser now than in his tempestuous past.

Given continuing stability and the little luck which all successful ventures require, Rasic may yet build in Adelaide the Australian 'Red Star'... 'Liverpool'... or 'Real Madrid' of his dreams, the great club of great players, great traditions and perennial success.

At the end of that period I am sure he will look again toward the national coaching position, a natural goal for a man of his ego and ambition.

It is a position to which, I believe, his particular talents are ideally suited.

He has always been able to bring tremendous motivation to his cup-fighting teams. Most of his successes have been in Cups, not in the year-long slog after league championships.

The World Cup qualification, St George's cup win in Japan, Saints' State league grand final win, Marconi's two cup wins in State league, now Adelaide City's Philips Cup win-all came during a period when league success eluded him.

The volatile, aggressive Rasic temperament seems ideal to bring him teams to the special pitch needed for Cup games.

It is interesting to wonder on how Australia would have fared in successive world cups if he had not fallen out with the establishment in 1974.

And as Rasic is fully involved club building in Adelaide, he and we watch and wonder how our unusual World Cup coach, Rudi Gutendorf, handles our national involvement.

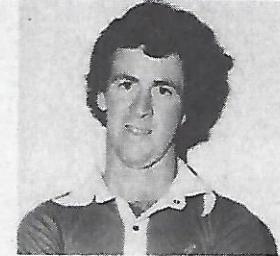
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